



Workforce Development Monthly

March 2022

The third Utility Arborist Line Clearance Training commenced during spring break. Attendees included members of the Kent County Road Commission and local residents. It was a full week packed with lecture and hands-on training applicable to various aspects of tree service, all centered around safety. Participants learned about MIOSHA Standards and how to apply these proven practices not only at work but in their personal lives as well. Outdoor field trips incorporated tree identification and entomology. A full day and a half was devoted to chainsaw safety. In addition, participants learned about safe approach distances when working with electrical lines, and how to rescue themselves or co-workers with an aerial lift truck. They received demonstrations of tree rescues, utilizing specialized knots and ropes, and also helped to safely take down two trees on campus along the river.



Provided in partnership with Thunder Bay Tree Service, the Training Camp was an invaluable opportunity for the current and future tree service workforce, and provided skills that can be utilized within and outside of an employment setting. **Our next camp will be held September 12-17 and will be specifically tailored to meet the needs of those attending.**

Train. Prepare. Succeed.

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INTRODUCING THE NEW UTILITY LINE CLEARANCE ARBORIST CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

We're busy building the curriculum for our new certificate program, which will really expand on the safety camp and provide valuable instruction and experience for this industry. Over the course of 8 weeks, students will have on the job apprenticeship time-based skills including tree falling, aerial tree trimming, power line identification, tree top rescue, and industrial right of way herbicide. Upon

- Earn your OSHA, AHA, First Aid/CPR & Pesticide Application certificates
- CDL course + first CDL road test included
- Spray test
- EHAP training
- On-campus housing offered with rent assistance available



completion students will also be prepared to take their CDL road test as well as their spray test.

Walt Wiltse, director of the program, is looking forward to sharing his vast knowledge of this industry.

Classes are scheduled to begin June 13, 2022. Multiple funding options are available, with out-of-pocket costs as little as \$400. Job opportunities upon completion.

For more information on this new certificate program, contact:

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MIOSHA Training Institute

Presents:

Silica Awareness Pilot Course

March 29, 2022

9:00am-12:30pm

IN PERSON - \$47 (pilot course price)

Email stonedawn@alpenacc.edu to register or call 989.358.7293 for more information.

Guards for Power Transmission

April 4, 2022

9:00am-1:00pm

VIRTUAL - \$94

Visit the MTI site to [register](#).

OSHA 10 GENERAL INDUSTRY

May 12 (12:00pm-4:00pm) & May 13 (8:00am-3:00pm) • Oscoda campus

Instructor: Tim Ratz, Alpena Community College Welding and Safety Instructor

Seating is limited. To reserve your spot, email stonedawn@alpenacc.edu or call 989.358.7293.

Please bring a check or cash in the amount of \$8 to cover the cost of your card.

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