

Guam

GUAM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND SOIL RESOURCES DIVISION

By offering in-person courses to the foresters of Guam and other islands, this project works to eliminate accessibility challenges that Pacific Island foresters face. The collaboration between the Guam Department of Agriculture and the University of Guam is an excellent representation of a unique partnership that strengthens the forests of the Pacific Islands.

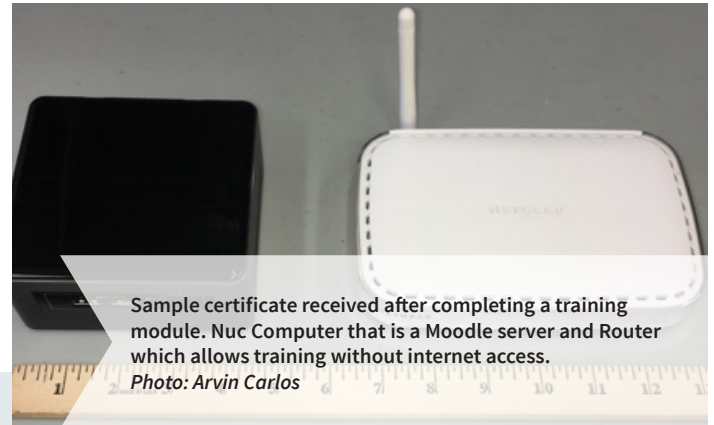
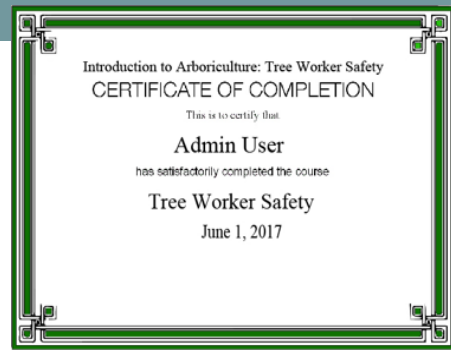
Guam's Department of Agriculture recently collaborated with the University of Guam to develop a set of certification courses that are easily accessible to the community of Guam and other communities throughout the Pacific Islands.

The arborists of the Pacific Islands often face challenges that arborists in the continental United States do not. One of these challenges includes accessing internet, the typical method by which arborists obtain Continuing Education Units (CEUs) to continue to be certified in their field.

Through development of courses from Guam's Urban and Community Forestry Program and Dr. Jim McConnell at the University of Guam, the island of Guam makes it easier to maintain being a certified arborist.

By providing courses surrounding these CEUs, the arborists of Guam and other Pacific Islands can continue their forestry education and maintain certifications in a different way of obtaining credits. These courses can also expand into the community, creating better accessibility for the public to become educated about forestry issues and tree maintenance.

This project will have a large reach, allowing arborists on multiple islands to have access to professional development education. This project also enhances the forestry practices of each island by ensuring that passionate, knowledgeable people will remain in their roles.



Sample certificate received after completing a training module. Nuc Computer that is a Moodle server and Router which allows training without internet access.
Photo: Arvin Carlos

This collaboration between the Guam Department of Agriculture and the University of Guam has allowed more local arborists to maintain their certifications and continue to add knowledge and experience to the island's community of foresters.

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