

Pest Control Advisor

Pursuant to [A.A.C. R3-3-207\(C\)\(5\)](#), an individual who is currently licensed as a pest control advisor (PCA) or equivalent in another state, and who meets the following educational requirements may apply for Arizona PCA licensure. Each year of verifiable licensed experience as a PCA or equivalent in another state within the previous 5 years qualifies for two semester hours up to 10 hours. The semester hours based on licensed experience do not reduce the minimum hours required from each individual core area.

Educational requirements:

42 completed semester hours (63 quarter units) of college-level curricula as specified:

- The credits shall come from the core areas shown in the following table, with at least the minimum indicated hours (or units) coming from each individual core area. A single course shall not count toward the minimum hours of more than one core area. At least one course from the pest management systems and methods core area shall emphasize integrated pest management principles.

| Core Area | Examples of Subjects | Minimum Semester Hours | Minimum Quarter Units |
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| Physical, biological, and earth sciences, and mathematics: | Inorganic chemistry; organic chemistry; biochemistry; plant biology or botany; general ecology; biology; genetics; plant physiology; zoology; post-algebra mathematics | 12 | 18 |
| Crop health | Soils and irrigation; vegetation management or weed science; plant pathology; entomology; plant nutrition or fertility; nematology; vertebrate management | 6 | 9 |
| Pest management systems & methods | Applied courses in entomology, plant pathology, vegetation management or weed science, and other pest management disciplines; pesticides or use of pesticides; pest control equipment systems; alternative cropping systems; sustainable or organic agricultural systems; biological control | 3 | 4.5 |
| Production systems | Horticulture; viticulture; forestry; agronomy; crop, vegetable, fruit or animal sciences; other production systems (e.g., wildlife production, cattle production) | 3 | 4.5 |

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| | Total Units Required | 42 | 63 |
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To apply to become licensed as a Pest Control Advisor, please:

- Fill out the [Pest Control Advisor Application](#)
- Fill out the [Arizona Reciprocal Certification/License Eligibility Verification](#) form to provide proof of the equivalency of a license from another state.