



VIRGINIA SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS CERTIFICATION EVALUATION FORM

Certification is based on a 100-point system. A minimum of 85 points is necessary for acceptance.

1. DESIGN INTENT (10 Points)

- Clients' functional and aesthetic needs identified.
- Clients' preferences identified.
- Site conditions/restrictions affecting the design are explained.
- Architecture of the house/building considered.
- Designers' goals and concept presented.

2. DESIGN APPROPRIATENESS AND COMPETENCE (25 Points)

- Correct use of scale and proportion.
- Variety of plant choices and complexity of combinations.
- Use of form, texture, color, balance, harmony, line, and rhythm effectively.
- Site conditions reflected on the plan; consideration of vehicular and pedestrian circulation.
- Design intent fulfilled.

3. PLANT SUITABILITY (25 Points)

- Climate suitability of materials.
- Suitability of plant location regarding sun exposure, drainage, and moisture.
- Clarity of the function of the plantings.
- Consistent style of plants.
- Plant choices suit the architecture of house.

4. GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION AND SPECIFICATION (25 Points)

- Clarity of graphics: To include a title block with north arrow and scale, site conditions, clear leader lines and labeling, legend, appropriate spacing.
- Correct plant labeling.
- Plant list and bidding information

5. EDUCATION (10 Points)

- Horticulture/Landscape design classes
- Two-year degree program in Landscape Design or horticulture science.
- Four-year degree in related field, i.e. art.
- Four-year degree in Landscape Design, Horticulture science and design, or Landscape Architecture.

6. WORK EXPERIENCE (5 Points)

- 1-2 years of landscape design work experience with at least 20-40+ hours per week.
- One point for each year thereafter of landscape design work.