

# Plant Science Certification



The BASF Plant Science Certification verifies individuals have acquired the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in a variety of plant, natural and environmental science related fields.

## **Certification Exam**

The certification exam, tested for on the iCEV platform, consists of 100 questions and assesses knowledge and skills from the following weighted industry standards:



10%

Plant Anatomy



5%

Classification & Nomenclature



15%

Plant Processes



10%

Plant Genetics



5%

Crop Production



25%

Plant Pests



15%

Fertilizers, Pesticides & Herbicides



15%

Water Resources

# **Meeting the Industry Need**

- Assesses Competencies Based on Weighted Industry-Valued & Industry-Accepted Standards
- Validates Knowledge & Skills
- Allows Employers to Identify & Connect with Skilled Candidates
- Jump-Starts Individuals' Careers

# **Industry Standards Breakdown**

## **Plant Anatomy**

Plant Cell Biology

Plant Structures

#### **Classification & Nomenclature**

Plant Types

Plant Classification

Taxonomic Hierarchy

Cells, Tissues, Organs & Organ Systems

#### **Plant Processes**

Cell Cycle

Plant Life Cycle

Plant Growth

Plant Hormones & Growth Regulations

Photosynthesis Respiration & Transpiration

Plant Nutrition

#### **Plant Genetics**

Plant Reproduction

Plant Biology

Plant Breeding

Biotechnology

#### **Crop Production**

U.S. Crop Production

#### **Plant Pests**

**Bacterial Diseases** 

**Fungal Diseases** 

Viruses

Chewing Insects

Sucking Insects

Vertebrates

Weeds

## Fertilizers, Pesticides & Herbicides

**Application Methods** 

Equipment

Records & Schedules

Proper Handling & Storage

Effects on the Environment

**Environmental Regulations** 

#### **Water Resources**

Properties of Water

Sources of Water

Hydrologic Cycle

Freshwater Storage

Water Quality & Pollution

Wastewater

Water Rights

Water & Watershed Conservation

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# **Example Assessment Questions**

- 1. Which of the following is the cause of widespread phosphorus deficiency problems?
  - A Warm weather
  - B Cold weather
  - C High winds
  - Too little rain
- 2. In a 100-pound bag of 8-0-28, how many pounds of phosphate are present?
  - A 8
  - B
  - **O** C
  - D 28
- 3. Which of the following are required in relatively large proportion for the growth and development of plants?
  - A Fertilizers
  - B Water
  - Macronutrients
  - Micronutrients



# **Testing Platform**

BASF Science utilizes iCEV as the testing platform for this certification.

iCEV fulfills the following responsibilities:

- Provides secure testing technology for certification exams
- 2. Regulates testing environments
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- 4. Provides certification verification to employers for potential job applicants

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"At BASF our goal is to build a sustainable future for agriculture through scientific innovation. The plant science certification will provide a foundation to build on for tomorrow's leaders as they seek to meet societal demands for food and fiber."

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