

Hardwood Lumber Grading Short Course

July 27–29, 2026

Northcentral Technical College
Wood Technology Center Of Excellence
312 Forrest Avenue
Antigo, WI 54409

This class is targeted for beginners and therefore will be ideal for sawyers, edgemen, trimmermen, grading trainees, sales people, managers and supervisors. The Course is open to all interested participants, whether a member of LSLA or not. Members of LSLA may register at a reduced price.

INSTRUCTORS: Logan Wells, Northcentral Technical College
Scott Bowe, UW-Kemp Natural Resources Station
Tim Kassis, Kassis Consulting

JULY 27—DAY 1

- Hardwood Lumber Grading: A Language
- Clear vs. Sound Cuttings
- Surface Measure / Cutting Unit Method
- Wood Characteristics vs. Defects
- Surface Measure Exercise
- Hardwood Lumber Manufacturing Standards

JULY 28—DAY 2

- NHLA Standard Grades
- Defect Limitations
- Hands-on Lumber Grading

JULY 29—DAY 3

- Understanding Wood Structure
- Species Exceptions / Color Sorts
- Kiln Dried Lumber
- Hands-on Lumber Grading

REGISTRATION FEE:

- \$350 for Lake States Lumber Association members
- \$450 for non-members

STUDENTS MUST BRING

- Bring a Lumber rule or lumber scaling stick (if you have one available to use)
- Notebook or clip board

Course is limited to first 35 registrants. Fee includes NHLA Rule Book and NHLA Training Manual, coffee and soda breaks, lunches, and certificate of completion for all students.

ACCOMODATIONS (Suggested area hotels)

Super 8
Hwy 45
535 Century Ave.
Antigo, WI 54409
(715) 623-4188

Holiday Inn Express
2407 Neva Rd/Hwy 45
Antigo, WI 54409
(715) 627-7500

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