

GARDEN CENTER, SHORT-TERM CERTIFICATE



This two semester certificate program offers garden center management skills to persons who are seeking a career in retail garden center operations but who may not desire a full degree. The certificate is also helpful to those already employed in landscape or other green industries who have a desire to upgrade their knowledge and skills in order to be a more valuable staff member. The Plant Science and Garden Center Short-Term Certificate features course work in such horticulture basics as plant identification, and current landscape practices as well as essential business aspects of retailing in the green industry.

Program contact: Learn more

This certificate will be automatically awarded when the certificate requirements are completed. If you do not want to receive the certificate, please notify the Office of the Registrar at RegistrarOffice@tri-c.edu.

Learn more about how certificate credits apply to the related degree.

Related Degrees and Certificates

- Landscape Contracting, Short-Term Certificate
- Landscape Design, Short-Term Certificate
- Landscape Horticulture, Short-Term Certificate
- Plant and Pest Identification, Short-Term Certificate
- Plant Science and Landscape Technology, Associate of Applied Science
- Plant Science and Landscape Technology (Landscape Technician), Certificate of Proficiency
- Tree Care, Short-Term Certificate

Program Admission Requirements

- High School Diploma/GED not required, but highly recommended
- Complete English placement test
- Complete Math placement test

Other Information

- Submit all college transcripts to Office of the Registrar.

Program Learning Outcomes

This program is designed to prepare students to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

1. Apply knowledge of deciduous, evergreen and herbaceous plants, their growing habits and needs to determine appropriate placement within the landscape.
2. Assist clients and customers with plant related problems and propose related solution(s).
3. Effectively communicate with customers, staff members, and managers and provide exceptional customer service.
4. Use merchandising and selling techniques within a retail atmosphere.
5. Analyze all aspects of financial management of garden center and create sound business plans and strategies.

Suggested Semester Sequence

| First Semester | | Credit Hours |
|---------------------------|---|--------------|
| PST-1301 | Horticultural Botany | 3 |
| PST-1311 | Deciduous Woody Landscape Plants | 3 |
| PST-1331 | Plant Propagation | 3 |
| PST-1400 | Garden Center and Nursery Management | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 12 |
| Second Semester | | Credit Hours |
| PST-1321 | Evergreens, Groundcovers, and Herbaceous Landscape Plants | 3 |
| PST-1351 | Plant Production | 3 |
| PST-2321 | Plant Pest Diagnostics | 3 |
| HLTH-1230 | Standard First Aid and Personal Safety | 1 |
| Credit Hours | | 10 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 22 |

MATH-1140, MATH-1141, MATH-1200, MATH-1270, and MATH-1280 can no longer count towards fulfilling the college-level mathematics requirement. These courses were re-classified as developmental mathematics by the state of Ohio in 2016. Tri-C established a 5-year transitioning window for students who had completed these courses prior to 2016 to apply them towards meeting graduation requirements, which expired in Summer 2021. It is highly recommended to see a counselor to determine the appropriate math required for your current major.