

LANDSCAPE CONTRACTING, SHORT-TERM CERTIFICATE



This two semester certificate program offers basic landscaping skills to persons who are seeking a career in landscape contracting but who may not desire a full degree. The certificate is also helpful to those already employed in the landscape industry who have a desire to upgrade their knowledge and skills in order to be a more valuable staff member. The Plant Science and Landscape Contracting Short-Term Certificate features course work in such horticulture basics as plant identification, equipment operations, and current landscape practices.

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

- Plant Science and Landscape Technology (Landscape Technician), Certificate of Proficiency
- Garden Center, Short-Term Certificate
- Landscape Contracting, Short-Term Certificate (p. 1)
- 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
- 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. Ensure that a contract is properly executed by actively listening, understanding, and implementing instructions and effectively communicating them to other members of the crew while providing positive motivation. Display an impeccable work ethic and provide positive reinforcement to instill ownership of the project.
2. Effectively maintain residential, commercial, industrial, multi-family, institutional, park and public properties lawn, bed and tree installations by properly weeding, deep edging, mulching, pruning, mowing, watering and fertilizing.
3. Apply the green industry standards of quality through the practice of proper planting techniques and knowledge of landscape plants, weeds, and the culture and care of landscape plants.
4. Demonstrate safe operation and maintenance of small and large-engine equipment used in landscape installations and maintenance.

Suggested Semester Sequence

First Semester		Credit Hours
HLTH-1230	Standard First Aid and Personal Safety	1
PST-1311	Deciduous Woody Landscape Plants	3
PST-1411	Equipment Operations and Safety	2
PST-1510	Landscape Contracting	3
Credit Hours		9
Second Semester		
PST-1321	Evergreens, Groundcovers, and Herbaceous Landscape Plants	3
PST-1420	Landscape Practices	3
PST-1600	Irrigation and Drainage	2
PST-2370	Introduction to Turfgrass	2
Credit Hours		10
Total Credit Hours		19

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.