

# *Garden Education Series*

Grow your gardening knowledge and appreciation with a **Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Garden Education Certificate!**

Certificate studies are directed to the home gardener and are designed to guide participants through a course of study in a logical sequence of learning.

You may choose from three areas of concentration: *Botanical Illustration, Floral Design, Home Landscape*

To earn a Garden Education Certificate, students must complete from around 60 to more than 90 contact hours of instruction at the Garden (NOTE: Botanical Illustration requires the most hours because of course design). There are some basic required courses for each area of study; remaining hours are completed from an elective selection of courses that vary from season to season.

When you enroll in the certificate program, we track your progress through your course enrollment history, in addition to presenting letters of completion at the end of each course you take. When you complete your certificate requirements, we present you with a certificate; and your name is listed in the next edition of the Adult & Family Education & Events catalog.

Please note that this program does not offer college credit; it is designed for personal enrichment.



The Garden Education Certificate in HOME LANDSCAPE is designed to provide a thorough foundation in garden planning, design, and plant selection, installation, and care for the dedicated home gardener. Completion of this course provides new gardeners the opportunity to build gardening knowledge and skills. For the practiced gardener, the program provides the opportunity to expand knowledge, challenge old habits, and expand new perspectives.

Studies leading to the Certificate enhance the experience of the dedicated amateur gardener. Courses are continuously updated to include current information and practical tips on growing a wide variety of plants, the basics of home garden design, plant care and propagation, sustainable gardening methods, and the peculiarities of gardening in the central Virginia area.

For those in pursuit of professional work in the landscape and garden professions, Certificate classes can be used as an exploratory course of study before entering more intensive professional training programs.

Current hours required: 63. See the reverse for the general course matrix.

**Cost:** Enrollment in the certificate program is free. Classes cost between \$10 - \$12 per hour, plus materials, if provided. Courses are offered seasonally, or as instructor schedules permit.



Garden Education Series Certificate Programs  
*Home Landscape: Required hours: minimum of 62*

Program	Requires Pre-Req?	Required?	Length	Total Hours	Level				Season:			
					B	I	A	G	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
<b><i>Required Basic Classes:</i></b>												
Garden Basics: Botany for Gardeners	No	X	1 x 3 hrs	3	X			X	X		X	
Basic Home Landscape Design	Graphics class (see below) is suggested	X	14 hrs class time + 6 hrs studio	20	X				X		X	
Annuals & Perennials for the HL (Also offered as “Annuals and Perennials: Proven Performers for the Richmond Garden”)	No	X	2 hrs x 4 times	8				X		X	X	
Trees and Shrubs for the Home Landscape	No	X	2 hrs x 4 times	8				X		X		X
Vines and Groundcovers for the H.L.	No	X	3 hrs x 1 time	3				X		X	X	
Graphics for Home Landscape Design	No	X	2 hrs x 4 times	8	X				X		X	X
Garden Installation and Maintenance (also offered as “Creating Your Backyard Oasis”)	No	X	2 hrs x 3 times	6	X			X	X (late)		X	X
Practical Gardening: Soils (OR: Sustainable Basics: Organic Soil Preparation for Kitchen Gardens)		X	2 hrs x 1 time	3	X				X		X	X (Sus. Basics)
<b>TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS:</b>				<b>59</b>								

<b><i>Elective Courses: Take FOUR hours of classes in this category</i></b>			Length	Hrs.	B	I	A	G	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Practical Gardening: The Beginner’s Perennial Garden			4 hrs x 1	4	X					X		X
Sustainable Basics: Organic Gardening			2 hrs x 1	2				X	X		X	
Kitchen Gardens			2.5 hrs x 2	5				X	X			
Sustainable Basics: Plant It Now! Fall Vegetable Gardens			2 hrs x 1	3							X	
Fall into Spring: Fall Planting for Spring Cutting Gardens			2 hrs x 1	2								X
Practical Gardening: Pruning Workshops (Shrubs & Trees, fall & spring)			3 hrs x 1	3				X	X			X
Practical Gardening: Propagation Series (4 possible)			2 hrs x 1	2		X			X	X		X
Practical Gardening: Beginning Beekeeping			3 hrs x 4	12	X				X		X	
<b>TOTAL ELECTIVE HOURS</b>				<b>4</b>								
<b>TOTAL CERTIFICATE HOURS</b>				<b>63</b>								

Note: courses listed are offered as instructors and resources are available. Courses are not always offered each year in the seasons indicated.