



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Garden Education Series



Gardening and Garden Design

Grow your gardening knowledge and appreciation with a **GARDEN EDUCATION CERTIFICATE!**

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

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

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.

Enrollment in the certificate program is not required to take courses in the Gardening and Garden Design curriculum. However, to obtain a Gardening and Garden Design Certificate upon completion of the required courses an enrollment form must be on file with the Registrar's Office. (See the below for details)

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

Current hours required: Minimum 63. (See the below for details)

Cost: Enrollment is free. Classes cost between \$10-\$12 per hour, plus materials, if provided.

Core Curriculum

Basic Botany for Gardeners - 3 sessions, 3 hours each session

Learn about the 'secret life of plants' by discussing how plants make food, grow, and reproduce.

Designing Your Home Landscape - 6 sessions, 3 hours each session + 2 1-hour studios (under review)

Learn the 'language' of design, including how to read a plat, understand and use engineer's and architect's scales, how to conduct a site analysis, inventory your plants and more.

Annuals and Perennials for Richmond Gardens - 4 sessions, 2 hours each session

Learn which annuals and perennials - from full sun to shade - are tested performers in our area.

Fall Pruning for Shrubs - 1 session, 3 hours

Learn about the basics of pruning, appropriate pruning times for various woodies, and see techniques demonstrated.

Spring Pruning for Shrubs - 1 session, 3 hours

Pick up tips on how to prune shrubs and small trees for good spring growth, and see techniques demonstrated.

Vines and Groundcovers for the Home Landscape - 1 session, 3 hours

Review the use of vines and groundcovers to add height, structure and layers of interest to the Garden, while providing settings for showier garden plants.

Digging In: Tips, Tools and Time-Savers - 3 sessions, 3 hours each session

Get step-by-step advice on plants best suited for the Richmond area, including site preparation, proper planting techniques and the finishing touches.

Building Good Garden Soil - 1 session, 2 hours

Learn about soil types and characteristics, amendment techniques, drainage and more to help build your garden soil.

Electives

You must earn a **minimum of 6** hours of elective class credit to complete the certificate. Elective courses are available on a variety of topics which vary from season to season. These courses will be listed in the catalog as GES, HL, elective.

Enrollment

An enrollment form (attached) must be completed to participate in the program. Submit enrollment forms to the **Education Assistant** via email, fax or post. Please submit the form as early as possible during your coursework. Only the coursework completed during the past three years will be eligible toward the certificate, unless you already have a form on file.

Tracking and Completion

When you enroll in the certificate program, we track your progress through your course enrollment history and send you updated tracking information twice a year. 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.



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Gardening and Garden Design Certificate Enrollment Form

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Daytime Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Email Address:	

I understand the hour requirements for the **GARDENING AND GARDEN DESIGN** Certificate (minimum of 63) and that I must complete each course and attend all sessions to receive full credit—class participation is tracked by the instructor and attendance sheets are kept on file. You will also receive an updated tracking form twice a year.

Signature

Date

Send the completed form to Attn: Education Assistant via fax: 804-262-0048, post: (see address below), or email: registrar@lewisginter.org