

CONTINUING STUDIES

PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

MASTER GARDENER

Document of Achievement

Love gardening? Whether you're an amateur or professional, this program is for you! Learn about growing plants, pruning techniques, diagnosis of plant problems, vegetable and fruit gardening, soils, plant identification, natural pest control strategies and much more!

1. Dig deep

The Master Gardener program is open to anyone with an interest in gardening. It is an opportunity to learn, share gardening experience and to develop friendships through community volunteerism. Master Gardeners take pride in achieving their certification and continue to share their knowledge with others in their community. Assiniboine Community College (ACC) is pleased to deliver the full Master Gardener program in Winnipeg.

2. Gain spades of knowledge

An authentic certification designed to provide up-to-date information on all gardening basics and combines home study, classroom instruction and an exam. An internship of 40 hours is required to be completed before the written exam. The internship hours should include a variety of activities. All of your hours should benefit the community through a combination of hours in gardening related volunteer work, hours in meetings, and hours in horticulture related events.

3. Pick your path

Sow the seeds of your gardening hobby by turning it into a career and find employment with a horticulture-based organization by becoming a Manitoba Master Gardener Association recognized green thumb.

4. All in a day's work

On your journey to becoming a Master Gardener you will learn how to identify pesky insects, diseases that wilt your plants, how to safely use pesticides and be able to proudly tell people why you have so much dirt in your fingernails.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Take your love of gardening to the next level by passing on your knowledge and gardening services to communities and other horticulture-based establishments such as farmer's markets, gardening events and workshops.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

English Language Proficiency English is the language of instruction at ACC. All applicants educated outside of Canada or in a country not on the test exempt list are expected to meet the English language proficiency requirement. Visit assiniboine.net/elp for more information.

PROGRAM FEES

Master Gardener Application fee of \$99. Internship fee of \$40. Tuition, laboratory, materials, student services and Student Association fees total approximately \$1,100.

LOCATIONS

- Winnipeg campus

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

To graduate with a Master Gardener Document of Achievement, you must successfully complete the seven required courses, an internship consisting of 40 hours of volunteer time and the Master Gardener Theory Exam. You can start accumulating your hours after you are accepted into the program and must be completed within a one-year timeframe.

Once your hours are approved, you will pay the \$40 internship fee and be registered to take the Master Gardener Theory Exam – a take-home, open book exam based on material from the program manual and core courses. You have 3 weeks to complete the exam and return it to the Continuing Studies Office.

Courses	Hours
Botanical Latin*	3
Garden Fundamentals*	12
Common Plant Diseases	6
Communications	6
Identifying Insects	3
Safe Use of Pesticides	3
Tree & Shrub Identification	6

*These courses are prerequisites for other core courses

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