



Botanical Art Advanced Certificate Requirements

Students who have completed the BA Basic Certificate, including the portfolio review, are eligible to work towards a BA Advanced Certificate. The Advanced Certificate requires a 1-3 year commitment from students. Students will need to complete an additional 50 hours of elective courses and present a final project with newly created works that demonstrates the botanical art process while focusing on an approved plant-related theme. Example projects might include “Plants of the Bible,” “Bog Plants of the Allegheny Highlands,” or “Pollinators of the Lobelia Family,” to name a few.

To complete project requirements, students will:

- Notify Phipps that they are ready to begin their final project and begin thinking about a subject they would like to tackle. Phipps will assign two instructors to help the student develop their project proposal. One of the two instructors will meet with the student to discuss ideas, the scope of the project, and the amount of research required. Instructors will also help the student identify any personal goals they would like to accomplish. A summary of the discussion will be sent to the other instructor for their input. Any additional feedback will be shared with the student.
- Submit a formal written proposal of their final project to their assigned faculty members for review. The proposal should describe the topic, planned research, and scope of the project in terms of final presentation. It should also discuss ways the student plans to achieve any of personal goals they've identified.
- Receive approval from the faculty.
- Select faculty mentor(s) and determine how often to meet throughout the year. Meetings can include email discussions and online review. A minimum of 3 hours is required to make sure that the student stays on track. This time can be broken down into 1/2 hour increments, strategically spread over the course of the year and is not limited to one instructor. Student and teachers will be responsible to track time together. If more time is needed for review and guidance, the student can request additional time with instructor(s) at \$30 per hour.
- Submit their work for a faculty critique. This is required before a student sets a date for their show, in order to ensure adequate time to incorporate recommended changes into the work. A written compilation of the comments from the critique will be provided to the student.

Once a student has satisfied the faculty review board's recommendations, and completed their additional elective credits, the student will receive their advanced certificate. The student is also eligible to host a show in Phipps Garden Center's display space.

Advanced Certificate Costs

Cost for proposal review and 3 hours of personal mentorship: \$120

Additional mentorship over 3 hours: \$30/hr (optional)

Cost for faculty critique: \$75

Total: \$195