



Landscape and Garden Design Certificate Program Overview

The objective of the Landscape and Garden Design certificate program is to prepare the student to apply the basic design principles and techniques in order to create aesthetically pleasing, environmentally responsible landscapes. Utilizing graphic skills and plant knowledge, students will work through the design process to develop a finished presentation. A series of electives will further enhance the student's understanding of native plants, history of design as well as sustainable practices that help protect soil health, water resources, air quality and land usage.

A certificate in Landscape and Garden Design from Phipps Conservatory will give you the background and hands on experience necessary for designing gardens and small-scale business and residential landscapes. After completing the program you will confidently be able to draft a design to be used for garden implementation. Many of our students are land care providers seeking professional development or Master Gardeners and homeowners looking to deepen their knowledge and understanding of landscape design practices. Our qualified instructors will help you meet your goals as they lead you through a capstone project and guide you toward the receipt of a certificate.

This certificate is designed to be completed in one year and begins in January and ends in December of each year. It is possible to complete this program in one year, depending on your choice of electives and availability to attend classes when offered. It can, however, be completed over a longer period of time. All core classes will be offered annually while electives will change; see the website for up-to-date information, <https://www.phipps.conservatory.org/classes-and-programs/for-adults/ecological-gardening-and-landscape-and-garden-design>.

Landscape and Garden Design Certificate Requirements

To receive a certificate, students must satisfactorily complete the eight core courses. An additional 20 hours of electives must be completed to qualify for a Certificate in Landscape and Garden Design. Electives include various gardening and design classes which allow students to explore diverse topics and enhance their overall learning. At least 20 hours are required to complete a certificate in Landscape and Garden Design. Several electives will be offered each semester and will change year to year. Check the website for updates and class descriptions.

Course Overview and Worksheet

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Please use this worksheet to track your progress:

Core Courses

- Hardscape in Design
- Landscape Design I: Landscape Graphics
- LD II: Overview and Design Preparation
- Landscape Design III: Principles of Design
- Landscape Design IV: Design Development
- Landscape Design V: Capstone Project
- Sustainable Landscape Plants
- Sustainable Gardening Principles and Practices

Electives (20 hours required)

Keep track of the elective classes you have attended below, record the Class title, date and credit hours.

Capstone Project:

The Landscape and Garden Design certificate program culminates with a capstone project that will showcase your learning and highlight your ability to complete a design.

Applying Outside University and Design Credits:

If you have recently attended a university course or other continuing education program which you think could be applied to credits in an existing core course, please contact the [Adult Education Administrative Assistant at 412-441-4442 ext. 3925 or edu@phipps.conservatory.org](mailto:edu@phipps.conservatory.org).

Successful completion of Phipps Sustainable Landcare Accreditation training will count toward the Sustainable Gardening Principles and Practices course as well as 10 elective credits.

Successful completion of Phipps Master Gardener training will count toward the Sustainable Gardening Principles and Practices course as well as 15 elective credits.