

Horticulture Certificate Program

PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKAGE 2018-2019

Program Description

The Faculty of Trades & Technology at TRU offers a 35 week Horticulture Certificate Program

Horticulture is the culture of vegetables, fruits, herbs, flowers, turfgrass, and ornamental plants. The settings for this culture may extend from the back yard grower to large commercial operations, such as green houses, orchards, vegetable farms, turfgrass operations, forestry seedling nurseries, garden centers, golf courses, municipal parks, landscaping, and landscape maintenance firms. People working in the horticulture industry should have a strong interest in plants and like the hands on aspect of the work. Depending on the scope of work, many of the positions within the industry involve working outside in a variety of weather conditions.

"Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas."
Elizabeth Murray

Intake Dates: Program starts mid-August and runs to the end of April.

Admission Requirements

Academic Requirements:

- BC Grade 12, Adult Dogwood, Mature student status (or equivalent)
- Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residence status
- **Program orientation session.** Students **must attend a mandatory** program orientation. The orientation is scheduled for:

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
House 10, Horticulture

Please register by calling (250) 828-5207.
There is no registration fee.

Students who are unable to attend the orientation must contact the Coordinator for telephone counselling at (250) 828-5181. The mandatory orientation session is intended to ensure that applicants have a clear understanding of the program they are entering and the profession it leads to. It also features in-depth information about student workloads and responsibilities. It offers a chance to meet our faculty and, where possible, students who are presently in the program. Applicants are told about career prospects on graduation.

Towards the end of the session there is an opportunity for applicants to meet individually with faculty, and deal with specific questions on concerns such as advanced placement.

Recommended:

- Applicants should be in good physical condition.
- Applicants should like hands on work with plant materials.
- Applicants should be allergy free from dust and pollen.

How to Apply

1. **Submit your application** online at www.tru.ca/admissions/apply
2. **Pay the application fee:** \$28.68 for Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Please note your application will not be processed until the application fee is received. Fee is non-refundable.
3. **Submit official high school transcripts.** For current high school students please submit Grade 11 grades and any interim Grade 12 grades
4. **Submit any postsecondary transcripts**
5. **Submit Verification of Orientation form.**

Next Steps:

1. We will contact you within 2-3 weeks to let you know that we have received your application.
2. Use the check-list in this package to make sure you have included all the supporting documents required for the program you are applying to. All documents must be submitted by the deadline in order for your application to be considered.
3. Once we have reviewed your application and all applicable supporting documents, you will be notified by mail about the admission decision.
4. Once you have been accepted, you will be required to pay a commitment fee of \$500.00 by a set date to secure your seat.

Need Help? Contact Us

Admissions, TRU Registrar's Office

Old Main - Student Street

or mail

805 TRU Way
Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8

Phone : 250-828-5036

Email : admissions@tru.ca

Fax : 250-371-5960

Further information regarding the Horticulture Certificate program can be found at:

www.tru.ca/trades/programs/horticulture

Support Services

Visit the TRU home page at www.tru.ca for information Regarding various support services, including: Disability Services, Services for Aboriginal Students, Counselling, Sponsorships and Student Housing. For assistance with Financial Planning and Student Loans Contact TRU Student Awards and Financial Support at 250-828-5024, or go to <http://www.tru.ca/awares/advising/tools.html>

Program Checklist

The Admissions Office encourages you to submit an Application for Admission form and related documentation as soon as you complete each of the requirements.

However, the minimum documentation which will be accepted is as follows:

- Completed TRU Application Form
- \$28.68 Application Fee

Supporting documentation required to complete the admissions requirements are:

- Official High School or Interim transcripts
- Official Post-Secondary Transcripts
- Verification of Orientation