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MASTER GARDENER

Centre of Continuing Studies

ASSINIBOINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Do you love gardening? If you are 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!

Why choose to follow your passions in gardening?

Get Passionate

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. Certain introductory courses will be taught in rural communiuties if instructors become available.

Practical Learning

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.

Program Begins	Internship	Graduation
VARYING DATES	40 HOURS	AFTER EXAM

Winnipeg Campus

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Master Gardener Application Fee - $99

The application fee includes a program manual: Sustainable Gardening, all administrative and final examination fees.

2. Register and complete all 7 courses

3. Complete your internship which is 40 hours of volunteer time - $40

You may begin accumulating your hours after you apply to the Master Gardener program. Hours can only be accumulated within a one year time frame. Mail your completed log sheet (will be provided upon application) to the Centre of Continuing Studies; these hours must be approved in order to write your exam. After your hours have been approved you will be required to pay your internship fee.

Master Gardeners in training are required to work within a horticulture-based organization and not independently, unless the activity has been approved by the Manitoba Master Gardener Association (MMGA). Hours must be signed and verified by the person/organization overseeing the activity. The MMGA strongly suggests that interns will be better prepared to become a Master Gardener if volunteer hours 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. Please contact the MMGA if you have questions or need suggestions regarding volunteer opportunities.

4. Master Gardener Theory - Exam

A take-home, open book exam based on material from the program manual and core courses must be written. Please contact the Centre of Continuing when you are ready to write your exam. You will have 3 weeks to complete the exam and return to our office.

COURSES 2016-17

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

* These courses are prerequisites for other core courses

PROGRAM FEES

Tuition, laboratory, materials, student services and Students' Association fees total approximately **$1100.**

Estimated costs for books, supplies, trips etc. are **TBD.**

LOCATIONS

- Winnipeg Training Centre (September 2017 intake)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Centre of Continuing Studies:

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Course and Fee Schedule

2017-2018

Winnipeg courses will be held at the Winnipeg Training Centre, Unit 87 - 1313 Border Street
(unless otherwise notified)

Course	Schedule	Location	Fee	Instructor
Garden Fundamentals *AGRC-0229 (12 hrs)*	Oct 14 & 21, 2017 9am-4pm	Winnipeg	$219	Cathy Shaluk
Botanical Latin *AGRC-0165 (3 hrs)*	Nov 4, 2017 9am-12pm	Winnipeg	$99	Warren Otto
Identifying Insects AGRC 0163 (6 hrs)	November 25, 2017 9am-4pm	Winnipeg	$139	Ian Wise
Common Plant Diseases *ARGC 0230 (3 hrs)*	January 20, 2018 9am-12pm	Winnipeg	$99	Andy Tekauz
Safe Use of Pesticides *AGRC-0231 (3 hrs)*	Feb 10, 2018 9am-12pm	Winnipeg	$99	Taz Stuart
Communications *COMM-0202 (6 hrs)*	Feb 24, 2018 9am – 4pm	Winnipeg	$139	Lilian Tankard
Tree & Shrub ID *AGRC-0160 (6 hrs)*	TBA 9am-4pm	Winnipeg	$139	TBA

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About the Manitoba Master Gardener Association

The Manitoba Master Gardener Association (MMGA) is a supporting and networking body for Master-Gardeners-in-Training (MGITs) as well as for Certified Master Gardeners in Manitoba.

Led by a volunteer board of directors who give leadership and guide the strategic direction of the organization, the MMGA works to facilitate communication between Master Gardeners in our greater community.

We are committed to providing our members with quality programming and events as well as up-to-date information and resources that will enhance our members' skills and gardening knowledge.

The MMGA builds community partnerships with other like-minded organizations, including Assiniboine Park Conservancy, Parks Canada, and Communities in Bloom.

We provide how-to-garden videos on our website and offer an ask@service for the public who send us their gardening questions. Master Gardeners participate in a gardening call-in show on CBC Radio and host annual plant clinics. The MMGA also hosts an annual garden tour.

How do I become a member?

Once registered in the program, MGITs receive a complimentary membership in the MMGA for a period of up to two years; thereafter, membership fees are $25 annually. Two-year or three-year memberships are also available at a discounted rate.

What does membership in the MMGA entitle me to?

Members receive a copy of the bi-monthly MMGA newsletter. As well, members receive free or discounted admission to MMGA workshops and speaker presentations. Members can access a member log-in page on the MMGA website which lists volunteer opportunities and valuable information. Members receive discounts on their plant purchases at many local garden centres!

How can I connect with other MGITs and Master Gardeners in my area or community?

Consider joining your local Study Group to network with other members, share experiences and learn from one another and take part in interesting discussions and activities. Small geographical groups (about seven to 10 members who live near each other) meet on a monthly basis.

What if I am not able to attend a scheduled Master Gardener course on the date that it is offered? Is there a distance learning option?

The Master Gardener program is offered by Assiniboine Community College (ACC) which brokers the program from the University of Saskatchewan. While the program in its entirety is not currently available through distance learning, it is possible to complete the two prerequisite courses -- Garden Fundamentals and Botanical Latin – via distance learning and to have the credits transferred to ACC.

Another option is to attend the University of Saskatchewan's Hort Week (held annually in July) which offers all of the Master Gardener courses in one week. Registrants may take all of the courses or complete any outstanding courses.

If I have any questions while I am completing my MGIT internship (40 hours volunteer time), who can I contact? ACC or the MMGA?

MGITs are required to complete an internship which is 40 hours of volunteer time. The hours MGITs accumulate are approved by ACC and must be approved and completed in order to write the exam. We recommend that you direct questions relating to your courses, internship, or exam to ACC (Centre of Continuing Studies) but you are also welcome to contact the MMGA at any time. We are happy to assist in identifying volunteer opportunities or in whatever way we can.

Once I have earned my Master Gardener designation, what is the volunteer requirement and continuing education requirement and who do I report my hours to?

Manitoba Master Gardeners must complete a minimum of 20 volunteer hours annually as well as a minimum of six hours of continuing education (which can be earned over a period of three years) in order to maintain their Master Gardener designation. A range of horticulture-related volunteer activities and continuing education opportunities (attending workshops, etc) are eligible. Once you have graduated, your volunteer and continuing education hours can be recorded on a 'Green Sheet' which can be downloaded on the MMGA website and submitted to the Membership Director.

Master Gardeners play an important role. We invite you to become a part of the Manitoba Master Gardener community -- Come and grow with us!

For more information, please visit www.mgmanitoba.com

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