

department of
HORTICULTURE

Who Should Participate

- Occupational, recreational, activity, and other therapy professionals
- Nurses and extended-care providers
- Social workers and psychologists
- Teachers and horticulturists who work with individuals with special needs

Visit our website at www.chicagobotanic.org/school/certificate/hort.php for information concerning the next session.

Midwest Gardening Certificate of Merit Program (MGC)

If you are new to gardening or would like to improve your gardening skills, the Midwest Gardening Program provides the practical, learner-friendly training you seek. The courses are continuously updated to include current information and practical tips for growing a wide array of plants as well as the basics of home garden design, plant propagation, lawn care, the peculiarities of the region's soils, climate, pests, diseases, and gardening heritage.

Who Should Participate

Anyone wanting to become a more successful home gardener

Program Design

The nine required courses are offered on a rotating basis over a two-year period. If you are able to take all courses when offered, you can complete the certificate in just two years. Courses in this certificate may be taken in any order, but it is strongly recommended that you take Botany 1 and Introduction to Midwest Gardening at the first opportunity. For the certificate, a grade of at least 70 percent must be achieved for each course. All courses must be completed within five years of the start date of your first Midwest Gardening Certificate course. You can prove proficiency for up to 20 percent of the coursework by passing proficiency exams or providing college transcripts indicating grades of at least 70 percent for similar courses. There is no separate enrollment for the program. Just take your first course and you are on your way. Please contact Julia Zanieski at (847) 835-8246 or school@chicagobotanic.org if you have questions or comments about the program or courses.

MGC REQUIRED COURSES	*PAGE #	PREREQUISITES
Growing Vegetables and Herbs	Summer 2009	None
Introduction to Midwest Gardening	21	None
Growing Fruit Trees and Berries	Spring 2010	None
Botany 1	27	None
Growing Ornamental Plant Materials	Spring 2010	None
Survey of Plant Disorders	Summer 2010	None
Plant Propagation	Spring 2009	None
Understanding Soils	Spring 2009	None
Basic Landscape Principles	Spring 2009	None

** Courses without a corresponding page number will be offered at a future date. Courses offered this term include a page number.*

Register early!!!
To help ensure that the classes you want are not canceled due to low enrollment, register early.