AGRICULTURE – NURSERY PRODUCTION CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

This program is intended for those who wish to pursue a career in the retail or production nursery field. Courses range from plant identification to soils and fertility, pest management, plant propagation and plant biology. The certificate program offers a selection of courses that focus on food and ornamental plant production, including business management. Core courses offer a solid science background in order for the student to gain a greater understanding of how ornamental and food crop plants grow. This basic knowledge is then interwoven with practical cultural and production methods.

Required Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Units
AGR 100	Plant Pest and Disease Management	3
AGR 102	Plant Propagation	3
AGR 140	Introduction to Horticulture	3
AGR 144	Nursery Management and Practices	3
AGR 208	Soil Science	4
AGR 240	Plant Identification-Fall	3
AGR 241	Plant Identification-Spring	3

Plus 2 - 3 additional units selected from the following

Course Number	Course Name	Units
AGR 53	Landscaping with Native Plants	3
AGR 147	Greenhouse Projects	1 - 3
BUS 132	Entrepreneurial Management	3
WEE 196	Work Experience Education	1 - 8

Total units required for Certificate

25 - 24

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes:

- 1. Demonstrate a working knowledge of common landscape plants and their cultural requirements in a landscape.
- 2. Demonstrate a working knowledge of basic plant biology.
- 3. Demonstrate a working knowledge of plant propagation scheduling, methods.
- 4. Demonstrate a working knowledge and management of pest and disease problems commonly associated with nursery crops.
- 5. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the uses of different growing structures and how they function.
- 6. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of nursery types and their basic needs of site selection, layout, water and marketing.