MiraCosta College’s Horticulture Program teaches students the art and science of cultivating plants. The program also includes the study of the design, installation and maintenance of landscapes; crop production; and wine technology.

For more information, go to miracosta.edu/hort
HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

Students in MiraCosta College’s Horticulture Program take courses to prepare for a major in horticulture, complete certificates to enter the job market and to fulfill general education requirements.

MiraCosta College’s Horticulture Program offers classes in:

• Computer-Aided Landscape Design
• Landscape Architecture
• Landscape Design & Construction
• Landscape Irrigation
• Nursery Management & Plant Pest Control
• Plant & Soil Science
• Plant Identification
• Subtropical Fruit & Plant Production
• Sustainable Landscape Management
• Wine Studies, Wine Production & Vineyard Management

For a complete list of courses visit miracosta.edu/hort.

HORTICULTURE CERTIFICATES & ASSOCIATE DEGREES

MiraCosta College offers a wide range of classes that meet days, evenings, weekends and online. Students may choose to earn one or more of the following certificates, work toward an associate degree or complete requirements to transfer. For more information about each certificate and associate degree, please contact the Counseling Department at 760.795.6670 or consult the MiraCosta College catalog at catalog.miracosta.edu/disciplines/horticulture.

Certificates of Proficiency
Certificates of Proficiency are designed to be the first step in a career ladder. They are short-term certificates, typically requiring fewer than 18 units of course work, which introduce students to one aspect of a trade or occupation.

- Irrigation Technology  13 units
- Wine & Viticulture Technology  13.5 units

Certificates of Achievement
Certificates of Achievement are designed to prepare graduates for immediate employment in specific career areas. The total units required for a certificate varies with each discipline.

- Landscape Architecture  27–29 units
- Sustainable Landscape Management  30–31 units
- Nursery/Horticulture Crop Production  20.5–23 units

Associate Degrees
MiraCosta College’s Horticulture Program offers the following associate degrees:

- Landscape Architecture
- Sustainable Landscape and Turf Management
- Nursery/Horticulture Crop Production

Students planning to earn an associate degree should meet with a MiraCosta College counselor before or early in their first semester to identify courses that meet degree requirements. The associate degrees listed above require completion of a Certificate of Achievement and general education courses specified in the MiraCosta College catalog.

PREPARE FOR A GREAT CAREER IN THE GREEN INDUSTRY!

Horticulture students at MiraCosta College don’t have to look long for a job! Graduates have obtained careers in a number of horticulture-related fields, including floriculture and nursery industries, landscape and irrigation design, landscape installation and management, sports turf management, horticulture sales and services, enology and viticulture (vineyards/winemaking), and more.

GAIN EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Activities outside the classroom include industry tours, internships, trips sponsored by the Student Horticulture Club, and participation in local competitions such as the San Diego County Fair.

“Choosing to attend the MiraCosta College Horticulture Program was the best decision I’ve ever made and has led me to a career I thoroughly enjoy! One of my favorite experiences is the internship offered by the Horticulture Department as the greenhouse manager of the annual poinsettia crop. The internship provided an exceptionally valuable experience, which led to my employment at a succulent nursery prior to graduation. Today, I own a rapidly growing business designing succulent container arrangements and drought tolerant landscapes.”

—Megan Boone, MiraCosta College graduate & owner of Nature Containers