THE PROGRAM
Going green is what the field of Horticulture is all about – the earth, the balance of nature, creating a landscape with trees, plants and hardscapes to enhance the beauty and the resources to complement our lives. In the Horticulture programs at Kishwaukee College, students learn all aspects of the various fields and practice in classrooms, in the College greenhouse, athletic fields and a 120-acre living laboratory: campus grounds.

Students in any of the Horticulture certificate programs learn in the same hands-on curriculum as the degree students. Most certificate programs can be completed in one-year or less and prepare students for entry level, non-supervisory positions in various areas within the horticulture industry.

Students in the Horticulture Program also participate in various symposiums, competitions, and workshops across the nation, as well as an extensive field studies programs, some that are international. There are ample scholarships to assist students with associated costs.

The Horticulture Program is part of the Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Career Cluster: The production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing, and development of agricultural commodities and resources including food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products/resources. For more information, visit www.careertech.org/career-clusters/

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Horticulture is a growing and expanding industry with a strong job market. Horticulture specialists have titles such as park naturalist, nurseryman, city forester, groundskeeper, retail or wholesale florist, landscape designer, landscape contractor, turf specialist, golf course superintendent, greenhouse manager, horticultural journalist, and garden center manager.

FLORAL HORTICULTURE
Curriculum No. 227

Students completing this certificate should have skills and knowledge which prepares them for employment in the floral industry. All aspects of floral design including wedding, funeral, and all-occasion designs will be practiced in class and marketing concepts will be emphasized. Requires 26 credit hours. Gainful employment information for certificates in the Horticulture program can be found at www.kish.edu/horticulture.

Curriculum No. 238

This certificate provides training for students to develop employable skills for a career in the production, maintenance or installation of ornamental plants and hardscape features such as walks, patios, decks, and retaining walls. Such persons may be employed in wholesale sales and distribution of horticulture-related products and materials. Requires 25 credit hours. Gainful employment information for certificates in the Horticulture program can be found at www.kish.edu/horticulture.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN / PLANT ID
Curriculum No. 238

This certificate provides students with foundational knowledge and technical skills relating to sustainability topics in Horticulture. Students will learn how to implement and manage sustainable conservation projects, including water harvesting/storage, habitat creation for wildlife, and evaluation of building to maximize efficiencies. Requires 28 credit hours. Gainful employment information for certificates in the Horticulture program can be found at www.kish.edu/horticulture.

SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE
Curriculum No. 290

This certificate provides students with foundational knowledge and technical skills relating to sustainability topics in Horticulture. Students will learn how to implement and manage sustainable conservation projects, including water harvesting/storage, habitat creation for wildlife, and evaluation of building to maximize efficiencies. Requires 28 credit hours. Gainful employment information for certificates in the Horticulture program can be found at www.kish.edu/horticulture.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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