

Horticulture Floral Design

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 hardscape 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.

The Floral Design Program is available to students who want to learn design from hands-on experience. They learn teamwork and practical skills as they participate in a mini-floral shop, selling flowers and plants to Kishwaukee College staff and students, and special events design and installation on campus and in the local community. Requires 65 credit hours.

Floral students also are encouraged to participate in the Student Floral Design Club, a chapter of the Student American Institute of Floral Designers (SAIFD). Kishwaukee College is one of only 16 active SAIFD Chapters in the United States. This club hosts industry guest lecturers and helps promote the use of flowers/plants campus-wide. The Floral Club culminates each year with a trip to the National AIFD Symposium and Student Design Competition. Students have the opportunity to see cutting-edge floral design from all over the world and participate in the only national floral design competition for college students.

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

Students of floral design have a number of career options after graduation: retail florist owner, manager, or designer; wholesale florist buyer or sales representative; manufacturer representative; and mass marketer, designer, or manager among others.

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester			
HOR 101	Intro to Horticulture Related Occupations	(1)	
HOR 103	Horticulture Science	(3)	
HOR 112	Greenhouse Management I	(3)	
HOR 141	Beginning Floral Arrangements	(3)	
HOR 158	Special Events I	(2)	
HOR 243	Interior Plantscaping	(3)	
HOR ***	Field Studies	(1)	
TMAT 100	Technical Mathematics	(3)	
Spring Semester			
HOR 105	Botany for Horticulture	(3)	
HOR 106	Orientation to Horticulture Internship	(1)	
HOR 128	Plant Propagation	(3)	
HOR 142	Advanced Floral Arrangements	(3)	
HOR 196	Horticulture Internship	(4)	
	Humanities/Social Science Elective	(3)	

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester			
AGT 215	Introduction to Soils and Fertilizers	(4)	
COM 100	Oral Communication OR		
COM 108	Communication in the Workforce	(3)	
ENG 109	Intro to Technical Report Writing	(3)	
HOR 235	Flower Store Management	(3)	
HOR ***	Field Studies	(1)	
Spring Semester			
HOR 146	Sustainable Perennials	(3)	
HOR 247	Special Events II	(2)	
HOR 249	Wedding & Sympathy Design	(3)	
HOR 279	Bedding Plant Prod & Sales	(4)	
	Humanities/Social Science Elective	(3)	

***Field studies: Offered Fall Semester only. A total of two (2) hours required from HOR 284, HOR 285, HOR 286, HOR 288 or HOR 289.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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