

Faculty of Agriculture

# Diploma in Landscape Horticulture



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## IS THIS TWO-YEAR DIPLOMA PROGRAM FOR ME?

This two-year diploma program gives you hands-on experience for an exciting and fulfilling career in landscape horticulture. The program offers design, construction, and maintenance skills. Combine this with an enriched theoretical foundation, helping you develop skills sought by industry. Students interested in the business side of the horticulture industry will have an opportunity to develop the skills needed for success. If your goal is to pursue a career directly after graduation or continue onto degree studies in landscape architecture, this program will prepare you for the future. Do something creative and meaningful that positively impacts the environment around you.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

A well-defined set of required courses will help you to expand your knowledge in plant identification and use, as well as landscape construction and design applications. This wide range of courses allows you to discover and develop your interests. You'll take five courses per term, on a wide range of horticultural topics including arboriculture and surveying. You can also choose elective courses that will allow you to focus on subjects of particular interest to you, including engineering, design and horticulture.

## WHAT CAREERS CAN I PURSUE?

This program will prepare you for careers working with landscaping firms, municipalities, institutions, as an entrepreneur and many more. Leave your mark—become a landscape horticulturalist.

Some of our graduates have chosen the following career paths:

- Certified arborist
- Golf course superintendent
- Landscape contractor
- Municipal horticulture
- Garden designer
- Grounds supervisor
- Plant nursery production and sales
- Horticultural equipment sales
- Retail and wholesale sales of horticulture supplies and landscaping products
- Botanical gardens
- Education and training

## WHY STUDY LANDSCAPE HORTICULTURE AT DAL'S TRURO CAMPUS?

**Learn from professionals in the field:** Landscape professionals work here. Interact in small classes with a wide variety of experienced landscape and horticultural science instructors. Regular visits from industry professionals give a taste of what working in Landscape Horticulture is all about.

**The campus is your classroom:** You will learn hands-on skills by experiential learning in our campus gardens. The onsite facilities include Botanical Garden, walking trail, extensive gardens, and greenhouses. Many types of landscape environments exist outside your door to experience the natural world.

**Focus on sustainability:** Modern gardens need minimal maintenance approaches, and you will learn to become a steward of the land to design, develop, build, and maintain landscapes resilient to a changing world.

**Collaborate with other students:** Classes are shared with the landscape architecture program in many subjects. Collaborate and learn to work with likeminded students in this allied field of study. Opportunities to develop lifelong working relationships start by working in courses with this other sector of the landscape industry.

**Pathway to learning:** Coming from industry or a certified trade, this diploma helps prepare people for a career in Landscape Horticulture and the National Apprenticeship Red Seal Endorsement or further study in Landscape Architecture or Business Management.

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