Environmental Horticulture

Science-based. Industry-centered
Hands-on Learning

The Environmental Horticulture program students at Lake Washington Institute of Technology have the unique opportunity to become a part of a built-in, tight-knit network of horticulturists.

This program operates under the cohort style of education, so students follow the same classmates and instructor all the way through graduation. The educational style is oriented towards a technical education, and classes include a significant hands-on component. Many classes include field trips, guest speakers and practical experiences. Unparalleled program experiences include student-run plant sales, study arboretum, green industry work experiences, and intensive involvement in the annual Northwest Flower and Garden Show.

Our Mission:

To prepare students for today's careers and tomorrow's opportunities.

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Program Highlights

The Environmental Horticulture program at Lake Washington Institute of Technology provides high quality instruction and learning experiences for students who want to pursue a career in horticulture. It prepares graduates with a broad base of knowledge and hands-on experiences to successfully compete for jobs, and evolve as industry leaders.

Graduates will:

- Have skills needed to find employment in landscaping firms, garden centers, nurseries, public and private gardens and greenhouses.
- Be prepared for Certified Professional Horticulturist (CPH) exams through the Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association.
- Utilize critical thinking skills to focus on environmentally sustainable practices.

Learn from Industry Experts

Don Marshall, educator, author, landscape designer, and nursery professional, established the Environmental Horticulture program at Lake Washington Institute of Technology over 30 years ago. It is one of the outstanding horticulture programs in Washington State. In addition to teaching full time, Don, a certified arborist, owns a landscape design, installation, and maintenance firm and teaches seminars around the Puget Sound region.

Chris Sexton-Smith, instructor of Horticulture, stays current with cutting edge industry trends and practices. Through his business, Walden Garden Services, he employs these practices in the field. He is a strong believer in the holistic, organic approach, applying his degree in ecology from University of California at Santa Cruz to the garden ecosystem. Chris is a certified professional horticulturist, a licensed pesticide applicator, and is president of the Horticulture Advisory Committee at Lynnwood High School.

Find out more!

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Career Opportunities

Typical jobs include landscape design installation and maintenance, estate gardening, arboriculture, nursery sales, turf grass technician and management, horticultural products sales, administrative positions within green industry companies, and much more.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, wages for those in the Landscaping, Lawn Service and Groundskeeping industry can be up to $5,812 a month with the mean wage estimate being $3,764 a month. Overall employment of grounds maintenance workers and landscapers is projected to grow 20 percent from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. More workers will be needed to keep up with increasing demand for lawn care and landscaping services from institutions and individual homeowners. To see what jobs are currently available, visit www.hort-lwtech.com/jobs.

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