

RETROFITTING CALIFORNIA URBAN GARDENS, CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION

Not Financial Aid Eligible
Banner Code: 1_CE_RCUG

The Retrofitting California Urban Gardens Certificate of Specialization is designed to provide formal training for individuals interested in transforming the landscape into a water-wise sustainable garden. This program provides students with entry-level working knowledge of the skills and resources they will need to design various sustainable landscapes upon completion of the certificate.

Program Outcome

1. Students will demonstrate areas of critical thinking, design, and visual communication for entry-level employment as a landscape/garden designer that will have a strong background in sustainability as well as the ability to pursue industry certifications.

Certificate Requirements

Orange Coast College offers two types of certificate awards in career programs designed to prepare the graduate to enter a particular field of employment. At least 3 units in an advanced course from the certificate must be completed at OCC.

1. **Certificate of Achievement** - 8 units or more in a state-approved program. Certificates of Achievement are not automatically awarded. A petition must be filed in Enrollment Services or online at the beginning of the semester in which the student will be completing his or her final requirements. The petitioning periods are listed in the Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/graduation-requirements/>) section of this catalog.
2. **Certificate of Specialization** - 16 units or less in a locally approved program. Certificates of Specialization are not automatically awarded, not printed on official academic transcripts, and there is no acknowledgment of completion given at graduation. Please contact the division for details regarding the submission of petitions as procedures for each division vary. Most division offices prefer that students complete all of the required courses and then provide a copy of the transcript while some divisions allow petitions for Certificates of Specialization before finishing.

Minimum Grade Requirement

In order to be awarded a certificate, students are required to obtain a grade of "C" or better in all program-required courses. Grades of "CR" or "P" will be accepted whereas "CR" or "P" meets the equivalency of a "C" or better. A list of certificate programs can be found in the Programs A-Z (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/programs-study/>) section of this catalog. Check with a counselor to determine the requirements for completion.

Course	Title	Units
HORT A190	California Friendly Landscape	2
HORT A285	Introduction to Landscape Design	3
	Units	6
Spring		
HORT A191	Cacti and Succulents	1.5
HORT A288	Sprinkler Irrigation Systems Design	2
HORT A289	Installation of Residential Irrigation Systems	1
	Units	4.5
	Total Units	10.5

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
Fall		
HORT A111	Landscape Drafting Techniques	1