

BASIC LANDSCAPE DESIGN, CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION

Not Financial Aid Eligible
Banner Code: 1_CE_BLSC

The Basic Landscape Horticulture certificate program is intended for those students who are limited by time constraints to a one-year program. Graduates with this certificate can find employment at the basic or entry level in grounds maintenance or as a park worker, gardener, or landscape designer.

Program Outcome

1. Communicate basic horticulture concepts to clients, contractors, and public agencies.

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
Required Courses		
HORT A111	Landscape Drafting Techniques	1
HORT A115	Landscape Graphics	3
HORT A285	Introduction to Landscape Design	3
HORT A287	Planting Design	2
Total Units		9