

CURRICULUM STANDARD

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Fall 2001
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Curriculum Program Title

Horticulture Technology

Code

A1524A

Concentration

Management

Curriculum Description

Management is a concentration under the curriculum title of Horticulture Technology. This curriculum is designed to prepare individuals for careers in various horticultural management positions.

Course work includes plant science, plant materials, propagation, soils, fertilizers, and pest management. Students will also take courses in principles of supervision, horticulture production management, horticulture sales and services, and horticulture business entrepreneurship.

Graduates should qualify for employment opportunities in the management of nurseries, greenhouses, garden centers, landscape operations, and gardens.

*Curriculum Requirements**

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

**Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

Major Hours

[ref. 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** *(if applicable)*. A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE <i>A diploma offered under this AAS degree requires a minimum of 12 SHC extracted from the required subject/course core of the AAS degree.</i> Required Courses: HOR 160 Plant Materials I 3 SHC HOR 162 Applied Plant Science 3 SHC HOR 164 Horticultural Pest Management 3 SHC HOR 166 Soils and Fertilizers 3 SHC HOR 168 Plant Propagation 3 SHC Required Subject Areas: None	15 SHC	12 SHC	
B. CONCENTRATION <i>Courses unique to the concentration are designated with **</i> BUS 137 Principles of Management 3 SHC ** HOR 275 Horticulture Production Management 4 SHC ** HOR 277 Horticultural Sales and Services 3 SHC ** HOR 278 Horticultural Business Entrepreneurship 3 SHC	13 SHC	13 SHC	
C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i> ACC, AGR, BUS, CIS, COE, CSC, DFT, FLO, HOR, LSG, MKT, and TRF <i>Foreign language courses (including ASL) that are not designated as approved other major hours may be included in all programs up to a maximum of 3 semester hours of credit.</i>			