

Horticultural Therapy takes place in:

- Hospitals and institutions
- Vocational training facilities
- Nursing homes
- Halfway houses
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Senior centers and communities
- Correctional facilities
- Schools
- Arboreta and botanical gardens
- Parks and recreation centers
- Farms and horticultural businesses
- Community gardens

Becoming a Registered Horticultural Therapist

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The American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA) registers horticultural therapists. Registration is based on academic and professional training and supervised field work. This credit certificate program contributes to the educational requirements for this registration.

For complete information on becoming a Registered Horticultural Therapist, contact AHTA at www.ahta.org, or write to the national office at:

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Horticultural Therapy Certificate Program

To learn more about the Horticultural Therapy Certificate Program or other educational opportunities offered at Temple University Ambler, visit us online at www.temple.edu/ambler, or write to:

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*Horticultural Therapy
Certificate Program*



Credit Certificate in Horticultural Therapy

This certificate program is designed for people interested in horticultural therapy. It is available to all current undergraduate students in any major. It is also available to those with a previous degree (or no degree) on a non-matriculated (non-degree seeking) basis.

Through hands-on training, the program introduces students to a variety of horticultural therapy skills. The program sequence meets horticultural therapy course content required by the American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA) for certification as a Horticultural Therapist.

Horticulture and plants offer many therapeutic benefits. Horticultural therapy uses plants, horticultural activities, and the natural world to improve people's social, educational, psychological, and physical adjustment, thus improving their bodies, minds, and spirits.

Horticultural therapy has proven beneficial to many types of people, particularly those who are physically or developmentally disabled, mentally ill, elderly, substance abusers, public offenders, and socially disadvantaged.

Horticultural therapy can enhance self-esteem, alleviate depression, improve motor skills, and facilitate problem-solving. It encourages social interaction and communication, and teaches marketable horticultural and business skills.

Required Courses 14-15 credit hours

HORT 1001	Fund. of Horticulture OR	2 cr
HORT 1651	Art of Floral Design I	3 cr
HORT 2221	Herbaceous Plants I	3 cr
HORT 2753	Intro to Hort. Therapy	3 cr
HORT 2754	Horticultural Therapy Skills	3 cr
HORT 2755	Horticultural Therapy Program Management	3 cr

Classes are college courses offered in the evening or on Saturday during regular semesters at Temple University Ambler. Credit certificate students have the opportunity to meet and network with faculty and other students. They must complete course requirements with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 overall. At least half of the courses completed for the certificate must be taken at Temple University.



Horticulture Course Descriptions

1001 FUNDAMENTALS OF HORTICULTURE

Principles of horticultural science; basic techniques of horticulture, including soil management, plant propagation, selection and maintenance of plant materials, and landscape design.

1651 ART OF FLORAL DESIGN I

Lecture-studio course that embraces floral design in Eastern and Western cultures; students create floral compositions from natural and artificial materials; self and peer critiques.

2221 HERBACEOUS PLANTS I

The identification, culture, and appropriate designs for native and cultivated annuals, perennials, bulbs, and wildflowers; collaboration with nature in designing and maintaining ecologically sound gardens.

2753 INTRO TO HORTICULTURAL THERAPY

The history and social, therapeutic, and vocational impact of horticultural therapy programs. Students examine populations that benefit from horticultural therapy, such as the physically and developmentally disabled, the elderly, children, and incarcerated individuals. The course also introduces the design of therapeutic spaces.

2754 HORTICULTURAL THERAPY SKILLS

Students learn horticultural skills and techniques for developing horticultural therapy programs. The course includes setting goals and objectives, patient assessment and evaluation, use of adaptive tools and devices, plant materials, and supplies.

2755 HORT THERAPY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Prerequisite: HORT 2753 or HORT 2754

Students learn important skills for managing horticultural programs. Included are site visits to local facilities, research into funding sources, and the techniques of writing program proposals, budgets, and grants.