

## LOCATIONS

Our course offering continually expands – please be sure to check our website for the most up-to-date course listing!

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### BRITISH COLUMBIA

- BURNABY
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- COURTENAY
- VANCOUVER
- VICTORIA

## EDUCATION PARTNERS

*Our education partners include:*



# Growing Food

## Essential Permaculture and Organic Gardening Skills

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## ABOUT THE COURSE

Organic fruits and vegetables not only keep you healthy, they create sustainable local food systems. If you are concerned about where your food comes from, what's in it (or on it), or simply getting the best nutrition possible for your family - growing your own vegetables and fruit is the answer.

In this unique and timely course you will learn essential **permaculture** and **organic gardening** techniques to:

- Create and maintain healthy soil, which in turn can grow nutritious food
- Analyze and optimize the growing conditions in your garden
- Creatively collect, use and preserve water for optimal garden health
- Use holistic solutions for plant health problems (“pests” and “diseases”)
- Select, plant, maintain, harvest a large variety of food plants for year-round enjoyment
- Propagate plants
- Store your harvest
- Save your own seeds.

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## THE CURRICULUM

- Session 1:* Foundation of Health
- Session 2:* Veggies
- Session 3:* Fruits, Nuts & Berries
- Session 4:* Getting to Know Your Garden
- Session 5:* Raw Materials
- Session 6:* Wise Water Management
- Session 7:* Getting Your Hands Dirty
- Session 8:* Creating the Master Plan
- Session 9:* Trellises, Plant Shelters & Containers
- Session 10:* Seeding & Planting
- Session 11:* Working with Water
- Session 12:* When Problem Arise – Holistic Solutions
- Session 13:* Edible? Incredible!
- Session 14:* Propagation
- Session 15/16* Field Trips
- Session 17:* Reaping the Rewards
- Session 18:* Putting the Garden to Bed
- Session 19:* Growing Food Indoors
- Session 20:* Celebration

*Please visit our website to view the schedule for any specific location*

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This course is packed with hands-on activities. Students are encouraged to grow their own garden during the year.

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## PREREQUISITES

Students must have:

- Internet access and an e-mail account;
- Transportation to offsite events.

The Organic Master Gardener Course would be beneficial either before, during or after this program.

## CERTIFICATE

To receive a Certificate of Completion students must attend 90% of all classes, and satisfactorily complete all quizzes and assignments.

## TUITION

\$550.00 + HST

## REGISTRATION

For more information and to register please visit [www.gaiacollege.ca](http://www.gaiacollege.ca)

## DIPLOMA

This course partially satisfies the requirements for the Gaia College Diploma in Organic Land Care.

## CONTACT INFO

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