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
- VANCOUVER
- VICTORIA

EDUCATION PARTNERS

Our education partners include:

SOUL – Society for Organic Urban Land Care
Langara.
YukonCollege
Adult & Continuing Education BURNABY SCHOOL DISTRICT 41
COG – Canadian Organic Growers / Cultivons Biologique Canada
Royal Roads University
Multicultural Heritage Centre
HUMBER
EARTHWISE SOCIETY

Plant Knowledge for Organic Gardeners

2015

Gaia College
"Cultivating Community"

ABOUT THE COURSE

Organic gardeners focus on the creation of plant and landscape health.

Plant health starts with the right growing conditions. Most of the plants used in our ornamental gardens did not evolve in our climate – are we able to provide them with the soil, water and climate conditions they need to flourish? What about companion plants?

Over the course of several months you will learn to identify approximately 300 plants. For each plant you will then explore its ecosystem of origin, and under which conditions it thrives best, or just marginally survives. You will learn how it adapts to our environment, and how you can provide it with optimal care. Finally you will learn about its non-ornamental uses, such as food, medicine, fiber, etc.

Over three seasons (March - October), plants are viewed in garden settings, focusing on ecologically sound and successful plant combinations.

This course is open to all who wish to learn more about plants. No prior knowledge or experience required.

THE CURRICULUM

Session 1: Plant Physiology

Session 2: Plant Identification

Session 3: World Biomes

Session 4: Specialized Ecosystem

Session 5: Gardening with Native Plants

Session 6: Weeds & Invasive Plants

Sessions 7-16: Plant ID and Cultural Requirements

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CERTIFICATE

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

PREREQUISITES

Students must have:

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

CECS

Landscape professionals earn generous pre-approved Continuing Education Credits to maintain industry certifications (ISA, CNLA, BCSLA, SOUL).

TUITION

$695.00

REGISTRATION

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DIPLOMA

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

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