

LOCATIONS

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

www.gaiacollege.ca

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- BURNABY
- VICTORIA
- MAPLE RIDGE
- NANAIMO

EDUCATION PARTNERS

Our education partners include:



Growing Food

Essential Permaculture and Organic Gardening Skills

2010/11



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.

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

www.gaiacollege.ca

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

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

DIPLOMA

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

CONTACT INFO

E-mail: info@gaiacollege.ca
