

## WHY CHOOSE THIS CAREER PATHWAY?

Enroll in Cuyamaca College's Ornamental Horticulture program, and plant the seeds of a new career and watch your future bloom. Ornamental horticulture is a big part of making the environment around us vibrant, attractive and sustainable. Career opportunities are abundant for people who have the skills needed to grow and care for plants in floral shops, garden centers, parks, golf courses and landscapes.

If you like working outdoors and are passionate about making the world a more beautiful place, the "green industry" has a career for you. Cuyamaca College's Ornamental Horticulture program is comprehensive and includes learning how to design irrigation systems, how to create new plants, and how to control plant diseases and pests. We work closely with industry leaders in the region, providing our students with networking opportunities unavailable elsewhere.



## ABOUT CAREER EDUCATION

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District offers scores of career education programs in a wide variety of areas such as automotive technology, child development, web design, and more. Classes are just \$46 per unit, and many programs can be completed in as little as a year.

Projections call for a likely shortage of 1.5 million workers by 2025 with some postsecondary education but less than a bachelor's degree, and career education is a vital component in filling that skills gap, as it provides an accessible pathway to good-paying jobs and offers the kind of hands-on, practical training that employers demand. So what are you waiting for?

## QUESTIONS?

Interested in learning more about the Ornamental Horticulture Program at Cuyamaca College?



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# ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

CAREER EDUCATION AT CUYAMACA COLLEGE



## ABOUT ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

The program at Cuyamaca College is an industry leader in providing for entry-level skills and upgrading existing skills for people interested in careers in urban forestry and tree care, greenhouse management, landscape design and construction, grounds management, retail nursery operations, irrigation systems design, sustainable urban landscapes, landscape water management, golf and sports turf management, and other related fields.

Once you settle into your career, opportunities for advancement abound as more and more businesses and government agencies are looking for personnel trained in the latest water conservation technologies.

## AVAILABLE CAREER PATHS IN THIS PATHWAY

- Floral Designer
- Flower Shop Manager
- Landscape Designer
- Landscape Construction
- Landscape Maintenance
- Nursery/Garden Center Manager
- Sports Field Manager
- Grounds Maintenance Supervisor
- Golf Course Superintendent
- Irrigation Consultant
- Turf Manager
- Urban Forester
- Plant Propagation and Production



## DEGREES & CERTIFICATES IN ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

- Arboriculture
- Floral Design
- Golf Course and Sports Turf Management
- Irrigation Technology
- Landscape Design
- Nursery Technology
- Sustainable Urban Landscapes

Certificates are also offered in Basic Ornamental Horticulture and Viticulture Technician Apprentice.

## WHAT YOU CAN EARN

Wages in this industry vary widely according to the position. Landscaping and groundskeeping workers, for example, earn an average wage of nearly \$30,220 annually in San Diego County, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. Floral designers in the region earn an average annual wage of \$33,510. Pesticide handlers, sprayers and applicators earn an average annual wage of \$46,600. Landscape architects, who typically need a bachelor's degree, earn an average annual wage of more than \$95,000 in San Diego County.



## HOW TO APPLY AND ENROLL

- ✓ Find class schedules and links to apply at [gcccd.edu/now](https://gcccd.edu/now)
- ✓ Log into **WebAdvisor** and register for classes
- ✓ Pay fees and **attend your classes!**

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"The Ornamental Horticulture program at Cuyamaca College is excellent because of the high-quality instruction by teachers who work in the area they teach. The program includes many hands-on labs that solidified the concepts and prepared me for my career path in environmental restoration and my job as a habitat maintenance worker for the Sweetwater Authority." -Amy Hule

