

# Certified Gardener

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## Overview

Are you a green thumb? Happiest while knee-deep in dirt? Enjoy planting and watching things grow? Based on the [Colorado Master Gardener<sup>SM</sup>](#) curriculum, the Certified Gardener Program is your opportunity to learn the latest gardening techniques and become an authority for sharing your gardening know-how.

While the program is based on content similar to a traditional master gardener program, online courses give you more flexibility to learn only what you want to learn, on your own schedule. You have the option to take courses individually, register for a “bundle” of courses on related topics, or complete the full program and earn a mastery badge. No matter if you are a backyard gardener, interested in learning more about landscaping, pruning, and home composting, or are a green industry professional, these online gardening classes can be tailored to help you meet your goals.

As a student in the program, you will be able to:

- Provide knowledge-based information to help gardeners protect and enhance their home landscape
- Use gardening therapy as a tool to develop individuals, strengthen families, and build communities
- Share ideas and build relationships with other students throughout the country in an online learning community
- Illustrate your expertise and competencies through the use of digital badges

## Digital badges illustrate expertise

The Certified Gardener Program from CSU Extension is one of the first programs at Colorado State University to award digital badges upon completion of noncredit courses. Once you earn them, you can share badges on your resume, website, e-portfolio, and on social media to illustrate for others the skills you have learned.



## Tuition

Full Program – \$654

Quest Bundles – \$108-144

Individual Quest Badge – \$60

Individual Trek Badge – \$40

Tuition for the full program may vary based on savings earned by bundling courses.

## Badge expiration

Badges in this program expire after three years from the date earned to ensure up to date knowledge of practices in the industry.

## More info

[online.colostate.edu/badges/certified-gardener](https://online.colostate.edu/badges/certified-gardener)

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# Curriculum

## Certified Gardener Program



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The Certified Gardener Program is designed to be flexible, allowing you to choose subject material of interest to you. You can sign up for the full program, bundles of courses specific to a particular discipline, or individual courses depending on what you would like to learn.

### Full Program (Mastery Badge)

**AGBB 2013** - CSU Extension Certified Gardener Program | \$654

To earn the Certified Gardener Mastery Badge, you must complete all courses in the program. To sign up for the full program, and receive the most value, register for AGBB 2013.

### Quest Bundles

Quest badge bundles allow you to sign-up for multiple courses at once and receive discounted pricing. Bundles are designed to increase depth in specific subject areas.

**AGBB 2030** – Diagnostics and Pest Management (Quest Bundle 1) | \$144  
Bundle includes:

- **AGBB 2031** – The Diagnostic Process
- **AGBB 2032** – Insects
- **AGBB 2033** – Plant Diseases
- **AGBB 2034** – Weeds

**AGBB 2040** – Trees and Shrubs (Quest Bundle 2) | \$108  
Bundle includes:

- **AGBB 2041** – Identifying Trees and Shrubs
- **AGBB 2042** – Tree Selection and Planting
- **AGBB 2043** – Pruning

**AGBB 2080** – Fruits and Vegetables (Quest bundle 3) | \$108  
Bundle includes:

- **AGBB 2081** – Small Fruits
- **AGBB 2082** – Tree Fruits
- **AGBB 2083** – Vegetables

### Individual Badges

You're in control. Pick individual courses based on your interest and need. Each individual course earned will apply toward the Mastery badge.

### What is a digital badge?

A digital badge is a visual representation of skills or knowledge you have gained. You earn a digital badge each time you successfully complete one of a variety of our short online courses.

CSU's digital badge programs allow you to customize your education to meet your specific needs and interests. Take the courses you want to take, and build your own unique set of credentials.

Badges earned through CSU are organized in a hierarchy that you can build upon:

**Trek Badges** – Earn Trek badges for each single course completed.

**Quest Badges** – Earn Quest badges for completing either a single course or a group of courses, depending on the program.

**Mastery Badge** – Earn a Mastery badge upon completion of all courses within a program.

### How can CSU's digital badges be used?

Once you earn them, you can share your digital badges among your professional and personal network. Display them on your resume, online portfolio, website, and social media pages.

The badges you display in digital locations are clickable. This allows others to see details about what you learned, and that your credentials were earned from CSU. Think of this as an alternative to transcripts.