



**DALHOUSIE  
UNIVERSITY**

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

## **Frequently Asked Questions for Master Garden Training**

### **Can I register online?**

This feature is coming soon. For now you register one of three ways:  
Call our office directly at 893-6666, e-mail; [extended.learning@dal.ca](mailto:extended.learning@dal.ca) or fax the registration form to 895-5528.

### **How often can I register for each course?**

There are three intakes of classes throughout the year. October 1<sup>st</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and February 1<sup>st</sup>

### **How long do I have to complete each course?**

All courses have a 6-month time frame for completion. There are no extensions granted for those students who start courses in February. You will need to complete those courses by the end of July.

### **What is the cost of each course?**

The cost for each course is \$375 including the Distance Education fee.

### **What is the suggested order of courses I register for?**

There are no set rules for which course you register for. Depending on your level of experience you may consider taking the courses in the following order: Plant ID & Use, Science of Gardening, Maintaining the Garden, and the Art of Gardening. You can register for any course during the three intakes each year.

### **Can I take more than one course at a time?**

For students who have not taken online courses in the past, it is suggested to take one course at a time. For students working full time, the recommendation would be to take one at a time. Students with more time, may be able to enroll in two courses. If you would like to discuss this further please call our Extended Learning office at 902-893-6666.

### **What is the recommended time per week to spend on each course?**

We recommend that people spend an average of 3-4 hours per week, to be successful in the course. That is only a guesstimate, and will depend on the knowledge coming into the course – some will do it in less and others may take more time.

### **Can I access the course material anywhere I travel?**

Students can access their course materials anywhere in the world with an internet connection. You can work on the course materials at any time, day or night.

### **How much interaction is there between professor and student?**

The discussion boards and emails are read daily. We do ask that you understand our jobs entail more than master gardener and sometimes class schedules delay getting back to you immediately. Please allow 1-3 days for a timely response.

**Do I have to complete all assignments and quizzes to complete the course?**

Yes. In order to pass the course, you need to complete all assignments and quizzes with a pass mark of 60%.

**What can I expect for course material?**

Course material is text, pictures, activities as well as you tube videos (if applicable). Self-tests are available to do as often as you like. All of the Master Gardener courses are online.

**I have registered for a course, what can I expect now?**

All the Master Gardener courses are offered on-line. Before the course start date you will receive a welcome e-mail notifying you on how to log in to your course. All resources materials will be provided to you online.

**When and how do I receive my certificate for each course?**

Students will receive their certificates once they have fully completed each course. This would indicate that all assignments and quizzes are completed with a minimum of 60% grade. Certificates will be mailed out in late August or early September after completion.