

Why choose this career pathway?

Ornamental Horticulture at Cuyamaca College provides entry-level and advanced skills for people interested in a career that is focused on enhancing and managing the urban environment. Career fields range from urban forestry and tree care, greenhouse management, landscape design and construction, grounds management, retail nursery operations, irrigation systems design, sustainable urban landscapes, and landscape water management, to golf and sports turf management, and other related fields including floral design.

Landscaping and groundskeeping supervisors earn a median hourly wage of nearly \$25 per hour, or more than \$52,000 per year, and the local job market is projected to grow by nearly 25 percent during the 10-year period ending in 2022, according to the California Employment Development Department.

Opportunities for advancement abound as the focus on green industries continues to grow, along with the need for technicians who are knowledgeable in the latest water conservation technologies.



Making a difference



Ornamental Horticulture



Stewardship of natural resources – sometimes known as conservation – starts with an understanding of growing things: the soils they grow in, their harmful and beneficial interaction with insects, and how proper use of water and other resources contributes to their overall health and stability. All of these affect our food and our water – in other words, our lives.

Ornamental Horticulture at Cuyamaca College is a great place to start your journey in caring for our world and our future.



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Ornamental Horticulture

The greenest of Cuyamaca College's green programs has to be Ornamental Horticulture. If you like working outdoors and have a passion for caring for the earth, the skills and knowledge about plants, soils, insects, sustainable landscapes, floral design, and irrigation passed on through our program provide the perfect foundation for the career of a lifetime.

From garden centers to golf courses, from floral shops to stadiums and amusement parks, opportunities in the field of ornamental horticulture abound.



How Do I Apply?

- ✓ First, find more information about this program at www.cuyamaca.edu/academics/departments/oh.
- ✓ Complete an online application.
- ✓ View the online orientation.
- ✓ Set an appointment with a counselor to create an education plan focusing on Ornamental Horticulture.

Degrees and Certificates in Ornamental Horticulture

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

Career Opportunities Include

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

What Our Students Are Saying



"The knowledge and experience that I obtained at Cuyamaca College enabled me to move my small gardening business to a whole new level. I now have a thriving Landscape Design and maintenance business and I attribute much of it to the Ornamental Horticulture staff, curriculum, and facilities at Cuyamaca. What a great program!"

Lisa Bellora



"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 Sweetwater Authority."

Amy Huie