



Horticulture Certificate

Discover the art, science and technology of plants

Cultivate your knowledge and skills with a unique blend of theory and experiential learning on topics like botany, food production, greenhouse management, soil science, plant propagation and landscape design. Participate in a 3-week practicum in a place of your choosing to gain real-world skills in your area of interest.

If you are passionate about plants and enjoy hands-on work, a career in the horticulture industry could be the perfect fit. Expect to graduate with skills in plant identification, landscape maintenance techniques, integrated pest management, proper pruning techniques, basic irrigation hydraulics and maintenance of landscape equipment.

After graduation, you'll have a certificate in horticulture. You can go to work or continue your studies by applying your credits to a diploma in horticulture management.

The Horticulture certificate is available at TRU's Kamloops campus.

Career outcomes and employment settings

- Landscaping and maintenance
- Invasive species management
- Retail and wholesale nurseries
- Municipal, regional and local parks
- Food production
- Golf courses
- Commercial greenhouses
- Arboriculture

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TRU STORIES

Danika Potter

Horticulture certificate alum



"Growing up in various small towns across BC's Interior, connecting to the land was a big part of my childhood. Sourcing firewood to watching my parents grow lush gardens taught me to appreciate the land.

After moving out on my own, I always had some form of garden

because growing brings me a sense of peace and productivity. I took the Horticulture Certificate program at TRU because it allowed me to gain knowledge about my passion while equipping me with the tools I needed to move forward and make a living doing something I love. Living in Merritt made TRU accessible."

Why TRU? *The Horticulture Certificate program is an amazing one because it allows you decide which route is the right fit for you and gives you the flexibility to make changes along the way. It also sets you up for different career routes. The program is run by a dedicated team that ensures you have a positive, supportive and fun learning environment. During the one-year program, I built camaraderie with my classmates and felt sad when it was time to graduate.*

– Danika



FIND YOUR TRU

At TRU, be surrounded by stunning panoramic views of rivers, lakes and mountains. Located in the heart of the city, our sprawling campus is close to shopping, entertainment and a spectacular outdoor lifestyle. On campus, enjoy small classes and find it easy to be engaged with your professors and classmates. Learn by doing and take your passion beyond the classroom — whether through co-op placements, applied research, volunteering in the community or studying abroad.

Find your path. Find your passion. Find your TRU.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Immersive learning environment

Students have access to more than 250 hectares of land on the TRU Kamloops campus, providing endless opportunities to participate in industry relevant projects that develop skills and knowledge. Our immersive outdoor classroom consists of naturalized and cultivated landscapes, horticulture gardens, greenhouses and an orchard. This type of learning environment prepares students for employment in the horticulture industry.

Practicum placement

As part of the transition from education to employment, students participate in a three-week practicum at a placement of their choosing. This practicum allows students to solidify information learned at TRU, see its application in the workplace and participate in the day-to-day operations of a business. Students get the chance to explore different directions they may wish to pursue within the horticulture industry. Often, these practicum placements lead to employment.

Laddering opportunities

Successful completion of the Horticulture Certificate program creates future pathways to pursue additional education in:

- Level 3 and 4 towards a Red Seal in Landscape Horticulture (STBC)
- TRU's Horticulture Management Diploma
- TRU's Bachelor of Technology

WHO CAN I TALK TO?

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