

FAQ for Extension Master Gardener Training

When and how often do you provide Master Gardener training?

We usually offer two core Master Gardener training sessions each year, one beginning late August and one in February. Based on demand and our available resources, we may be able to add sessions. If you are interested in taking the training but cannot attend one of our scheduled sessions, [please complete this survey](#).

Do you have classes in locations other than Goffstown in the spring and Concord in the fall?

Goffstown and Concord are our standard locations. We typically schedule the Goffstown class in the spring and the Concord class in the fall. We have offered classes in Portsmouth and Littleton and will consider these and other locations and times, if we have the resources and adequate demand.

Do you ever do the classes on weekends or evenings or at other locations?

The Littleton class has been in the evenings and the Portsmouth class in the afternoon. Again, this is something we will consider based on resources and demand.

Can I apply for the NH Master Gardener program if I live in another state?

Yes, if you will commit to completing your internship of 55 volunteer hours in New Hampshire.

Can I transfer my Master Gardener certification from another state?

Yes, we accept Master Gardener certification from other states. If you are transferring from state other than in the Northeast, we would like you to attend our Master Gardener training sessions to acquaint you with our growing zones, soil and other subjects particular to New Hampshire. These classes are complimentary.

What do Master Gardeners do? How can I volunteer?

Master Gardeners assist and educate home gardeners throughout the state with horticulture, conservation and home-related questions. They work at the UNH Cooperative Extension Infoline in Goffstown by answering questions by phone and email; provide education and complete projects in their communities including establishing school and community gardens; host presentations for the Master Gardener Speakers Bureau for community groups and organizations on a variety of topics such as seed-starting, composting and pest management in the garden and so much more!

What if I do not have time or want to volunteer but would like to take the training?

If space is available you can attend as a certificate student and pay the full unsubsidized fee of \$500.

Do you have online classes?

We currently do not offer online training.

How much does the training cost?

\$250 plus \$25 for the Master Gardener handbook. We offer financial aid and scholarships for

What if I cannot afford to pay the tuition?

We offer financial assistance, payment plans and some garden clubs provide full scholarships.

How long is the training?

Sessions are for 12 weeks, one day a week usually from 9-4pm.

What will I learn in the class i.e. which gardening subjects will be covered?

See the syllabus/topics. The class also offers several field trips related to subjects including tree identification, tree planting and pruning.

Syllabus - topics
Adults as Learners
Chickens
Civil Rights Overview & Case Study presentation
Entomology, Integrated Pest Management & Urban Pests
Food Safety and Preservation
Gardening for Wildlife
Go Botany
Horticultural Research Projects
Introduction to Permaculture
Invasive Insects in NH
Invasive Plants
Local Food
Nuisance Wildlife
Organic Gardening
Ornamental Research Projects
Pesticide Use and Safety
Plant Botany & Physiology
Plant Pathology: Diagnosis & Common Diseases
Plant Pathology: Introduction & Disease Management
Plant Propagation
Project Management for Master Gardeners
Public Speaking
Risk Management
Small Fruits
Soil/Composting
Tree Fruits
Tree/shrub pruning, planting
Turf
Vegetable Gardening
Water and irrigation
Woody Ornamentals/Tree ID

Who will be my teachers?

Experts from around the state serve as speakers and presenters including UNH Cooperative Extension State and Field specialists, Master Gardener volunteers and State of New Hampshire and USDA experts.

Who can become a Master Gardener? Do I have to have gardening experience?

The program is open to anyone who has desire to give back to the community and loves gardening regardless of depth and breadth of experience.

I want to be a Master Gardener. How do I sign up?

Once we have established the date and place for the next session, we will publish a registration link on our website. You can also contact our Education Center at answers@unh.edu or by calling 877-398-4769