

FAST FACTS NGC CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS



HOW TO FIND A COURSE: The National Garden Club, Inc website. Maintains comprehensive information about each School's course offerings throughout the U.S., including dates, locations, etc. Go to www.gardenclub.org/our-schools and scroll down to "Find a School."

IN PERSON OR ZOOM: Courses may be offered in-person or virtually via Zoom (or a hybrid approach), as decided by the sponsoring organization. The course curricula will be the same regardless of format.

IN STATE OR OUT OF STATE: You can take courses sponsored by your own state organization (e.g., NCAGC) or by another state organization. Either way, successful completion of the course will count toward your "credits" for joining a Consultants Council.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR A COURSE: Register for a Gardening, Landscape Design or Environmental School course by filling out and submitting the registration form with fee provided by the course sponsor, at www.gardenclub.org/school/schools-resources. Registration Form "FSS-1" for Flower Show School is at www.gardenclub.org/flower-show-school-resources

WHAT DOES IT COST: In-person courses typically charge between \$140-\$180 for registration, depending on the sponsoring organization. Students also may incur travel and overnight expenses. Zoom courses typically cost much less, often between \$40-\$75, and students do not have to worry about travel or overnight expenses.

TAKE COURSES IN SEQUENCE OR NOT: Although it is desirable to take a School's courses in sequence, it is not required.

INSTRUCTORS AND COURSE MATERIALS: Instructors of required or tested material are academically associated with a college or university or are professionals who are specialists in their field. They will provide you with detailed outlines of their presentations and exams are open-book. You successfully complete a course if you attend all instructional hours and score 70 or higher on the exam.

HOW COURSE COMPLETIONS ARE TRACKED: Each state organization maintains records for club members within their state of a student's successful completion of courses within each School. When taking out-of-state courses, the state organization sponsoring the class will notify your state organization of your successful completion of their course. Club members also are encouraged to maintain their own records. If you relocate to another state, your course records can follow you.

HOW TO REFRESH: Upon successful completion of four courses in the Gardening, Landscape Design, and Environmental Schools and joining a Consultants Council, you may take "refresher" courses. Register for a course by submitting a registration form and fee to the sponsoring organization along with a completed "Form 7" ("Consultant Refresher Accreditation Application") at www.gardenclub.org/school/schools-resources. Flower Show School refreshing is covered by the "Handbook for Flower Shows" at www.gardenclub.org/flower-show-school-resources