

Horticulture Career Pathway



Start Here:
Low-Wage Job
LSW Program
Unemployed
High School/GED
Career Change
ABE/ ESL
TANF/Food Stamps
Work Discovery
First Step Program

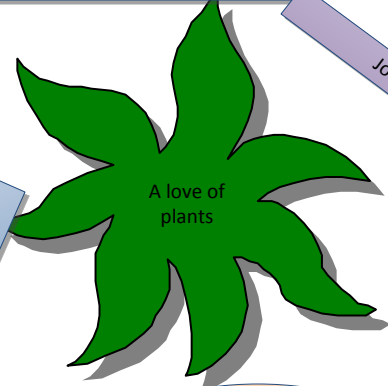
Entry Requirements**
 COMPASS test:
 65 Writing, 75 Reading, 28 Math (Pre-algebra)
 OR
 ASSET test:
 40 Writing, 40 Reading, 33 Math
 OR
 COMPASS ESL test: 89 Reading/listening, 87 Grammar/usage, 9 Math

Or if scores are too low, Developmental Education

Horticulture Degree Options:
Landscape Design & Construction Basics
Landscape Maintenance
Sustainable Land Management
Horticultural Studies

1st Quarter classes
 LHO 100 1
 LHO 109 3
 LHO 115 3
 LHO 135 3
 LHO 121 4
 MTH 110 3
 CREDITS: 17

Click here for sequence of classes for all degree and certificate options



Meet early with a horticulture faculty member to plan your schedule.
 Take LHO 100 as soon as it is offered. This class will insure that the program is a good fit for you.

Jobs after 1 quarter

retail nursery cashier work in a lawn care business, entry level jobs on a landscape crew or landscape maintenance business

Wages → \$10-20/hr

Jobs after a 1 year certificate

Self-employment maintaining or installing small landscapes, supervisory-track jobs with a landscape management or construction business, work in a retail nursery/ garden center.

Wages → \$20-38/hr

Jobs after an AAS/T Degree

Self-employment in landscape design/installation, self-employment as a garden consultant, employment with a municipal parks department, supervisory-track positions with commercial landscape management firms and landscape construction firms.

Wages → \$23-52/hr

*Job title and wage information was derived from annual wages reported in the Occupational Employment Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Seattle/King County Workforce Development Area. The web address to produce this report is: <http://www.workforceexplorer.com/cgi/dataanalysis/AreaSelection.asp?tableName=Oeswage> It is important to note that actual job titles and wages will vary depending on demonstrable skills and experience.

Academic quarters are 11 weeks in length and begin in January, March, June, and September.

Start Here, Go Anywhere!

1 **South Seattle Community College can help you jumpstart your career.** You can get started with short-term training or a certificate and be ready to go to work quickly. And, afterwards you can either continue your training or work for a while and come back to school later to get the skills you need to keep moving up the career ladder. Start planning your future now!

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...in West Seattle

www.seattlejobsinitiative.com

2 **What is it like to work in Horticulture?**

Tasks & Skills

- Consult with customers to determine landscape needs
- Plan yards, budgets, & jobs
- Establish & maintain relationships
- Obtain needed equipment, personnel, & materials
- Supervise, hire, and train staff
- Listen to others, understand, & ask questions
- Express ideas clearly in speaking & writing
- Identify problems & develop solutions

Major employers:

- Self-employment
- Landscaping companies, lawn and garden stores
- Apartment companies as landscape maintenance staff

3 **How Will I Pay for School?**

Workforce Development has special funds and may be able to pay for tuition & books if you are:

- Low-Income / Eligible for Food Stamps
- Unemployed
- Working Parent
- TANF/WorkFirst Participant

And there are many other financial aid options:

- Federal Pell Grant & Work Study
- Federal Supplemental Grant
- Opportunity Grant
- SCCC Foundation Scholarship
- State Need Grant
- WIA Adult & Youth
- Academic Competitiveness Grant
- Community Agencies & Scholarships

**Eligibility based on income, grades, & other factors.*

4 **I'm Worried About Taking the Test to Get Into School**

We have entry tests because we want to make sure students are prepared to succeed when they enter their Certificate or Degree program. If you need to improve your math or English skills to get into the program you want, don't worry, we have classes to help you!

- Before you take the tests, prepare for them. Practice questions and more info are online at: <http://www.southseattle.edu/resources/sas.htm>
- CASAS tests will be given as part of the intake process.
- For COMPASS testing times and info, call **(206) 768-6767**

6 **I'm Interested – How Do I Get Started On My Career Path?**

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2 Year Degree Before 4 Year Degree

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5 **What if I Need Extra Help?**

South, and our partners provide many support services:

- Academic Advising
- Help with Financial Aid
- Help with Books & Supplies
- Transportation Assistance
- Childcare Assistance
- Disability Accommodations
- Computer Labs
- Tutoring
- Case Management
- Counseling
- Internship Assistance
- Job Search Assistance