



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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## **NYBG Offers Accelerated Certificate Classes in Summer**

### **Students Rapidly Earn Credits in The New York Botanical Garden's "Summer Intensives" Certificate Programs**

The New York Botanical Garden is now accepting registrations for its 2014 Summer Intensive Programs starting July 14. These full-time, concentrated Certificate Programs offer practical and comprehensive training in Landscape Design, Floral Design, and Gardening. Intensive Programs are targeted toward career changers and individuals who wish to quickly receive practical and extensive training and to fulfill most or all classroom hours required for a Certificate. Individual Intensive classes also are offered in Horticultural Therapy and Botanical Art & Illustration. Registrations are being accepted online at [nybg.org/adulted](http://nybg.org/adulted)

Whether motivated by the benefits of green living or a desire to engage in more rewarding work, each year students turn to the Garden's Summer Intensives for training and personal enrichment. Participants in last year's programs came from a variety of professional backgrounds, including business and sales, hospitality, teaching, graphic design and other art-related fields, finance, and journalism.

One participant of last year's Floral Design Intensive, Jose Agosto, who worked in the industry in Puerto Rico prior to taking courses at the Garden, recalled, "The program's intensity made me strive to do better." While working to complete the Summer Intensive, Agosto created the required 40 arrangements during class, but made many more in the evenings after his classes to perfect his art.

"We faced a challenge every day," he reminisced, adding that he wanted to rise above each one.

For Kimberly Tryba, Landscape Design student, the Summer Intensive gave her the opportunity to try a new career path before pursuing a master's degree in sustainable landscape architecture.

"As a career changer, the benefit of the Intensive Program for me was its compressed time frame and wide range of in-depth Landscape Design classes, which allowed me to fully immerse myself in this field to see if it was something I wanted to pursue," Tryba said. "I was so inspired that I powered through the rest of the program to earn my Certificate within 10 months."

The 2014 Summer Intensives now accepting registrations are:

#### **Landscape Design: July 14–August 15 (5 weeks)**

**Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.**

The Landscape Design Certificate prepares students for creative careers as landscape designers. The Intensive includes interactive classes with top landscape architects, designers, and guest lecturers; trips to historic sites; and the Garden's incomparable resources. Students earn half the classroom hours required for a NYBG Certificate.

#### **Floral Design: July 14–August 15 (5 weeks)**

**Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**

Students work one-on-one with top floral design professionals in hands-on courses covering all facets of the floral design industry, plus create dozens of arrangements in diverse styles for many occasions. Students also practice real-world business situations, including retail ordering for clients. Students complete all required classroom hours, needing only an internship to earn a NYBG Certificate.

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**Gardening: July 14–25 (2 weeks)**

**Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.**

NYBG experts guide you through the art and science of plant selection and care for home or small-scale public gardens. Students complete more than 25% of all course work required for the NYBG Gardening Certificate, laying a solid foundation of principles for environmentally sound gardening, plant and soil science, integrated pest management, and plant selection. Electives and Curator-led tours of Garden collections combine classroom theory and real-world field exposure.

Individual Intensive classes also are available for Botanical Art & Illustration and Horticultural Therapy, for which some required courses are compressed into a one- or two-week format:

**Botanical Art & Illustration Intensive Classes**

**Eight classes, July 14–August 15**

Botanical Art & Illustration focuses on capturing the beauty and the science of the natural world. Students can complete Botanical Drawing I and II and other required Certificate classes in half the normal time frame.

**Horticultural Therapy Intensive Classes**

**Nine classes, July 14–August 15**

This Certificate Program teaches therapeutic skills and horticultural techniques needed to serve a broad population of people in need. Participants can complete five of nine required core Horticultural Therapy classes.

**Diverse Green Offerings for Adult Education Cultivate Personal Enrichment**

Accelerated Summer Intensives are part of the Garden's larger Certificate Program, which offers year-round courses in the five discipline areas mentioned above, as well as in Botany and Horticulture. The Garden has offered formal education programs since 1917. Each year the Adult Education Program offers about 700 hands-on courses for both beginners seeking personal enrichment and professionals working to hone their existing skills in their chosen fields.

Day, evening, and weekend classes are available at the Garden's 250-acre National Historic Landmark site in the Bronx and at the Midtown Education Center, located at 20 West 44th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues in Manhattan. The Garden's Adult Education Program also offers classes at satellite locations in Dutchess and Fairfield counties. To browse classes and for more information on registration, visit [nybg.org/adulted](http://nybg.org/adulted) or call 800.322.NYBG (6924).

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad or subway. The Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *All-Garden Pass*, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to seasonal gardens, exhibitions, and attractions such as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, and Tram Tour. For ticket pricing, please check our Web site. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit [nybg.org](http://nybg.org)

The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458

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