OVERVIEW
Are you a green thumb? Happiest while knee-deep in dirt? Enjoy planting and watching things grow? Based on the Colorado Master GardenerSM curriculum, the CSU Extension Certified Gardener Mastery Badge Program is your opportunity to learn the latest gardening techniques and become an authority for sharing your gardening know-how.

Designed to be flexible and structured around your needs, the certified gardener training allows you to earn digital badges by taking individual courses, bundling courses, or completing the full program. Whether you’re a backyard gardener, interested in landscape pruning or home composting, or are a green industry professional, the CSU Extension Certified Gardener Program can be tailored to your goals.

As a student in the program, you will be able to:

• Provide knowledge-based information to help gardeners protect and enhance their home landscape
• Use gardening therapy as a tool to develop individuals, strengthen families, and build communities
• Share ideas and build relationships with other students throughout the country in an online learning community
• Illustrate your expertise and competencies through the use of digital badges

WHO CAN EARN DIGITAL BADGES?
Digital badges can be earned by anyone. Current skill badge offerings are non-credit—so you don’t have to be admitted to Colorado State University; you don’t have to meet any prerequisites or have a certain GPA. Online badges are available for your exploration and are cost effective options for targeted learning on specific topics, or broader subject development through taking related course offerings.

DELIVERY
Online

TUITION
Mastery Badge – $654
Quest Bundles – $108-144
Individual Quest Badge – $60
Individual Trek Badge – $40
Tuition for the full program may vary based on savings earned by bundling courses.

TIME FRAME
Mastery Badge – 16 weeks
Quest Bundles – 4-8 weeks
Individual Quest Badges – 1-3 weeks
Individual Trek Badges – 1-2 weeks

BADGE EXPIRATION
Badges in this program expire after three years from the date earned to ensure up to date knowledge of practices in the industry.

LEARN MORE
online.colostate.edu/degrees/systems-engineering-phd
How do digital badges work?
Badges are awarded to students taking courses within a badged curriculum. They are issued based on performance in courses, and represent practical competencies and a level of mastery in a subject. Curricular badges are elements of a larger program, such as the CSU Extension Certified Gardener program. Students are able to tailor badge programs to their needs, taking individual badges, bundling badges, or completing an entire program comprised of several badges.

How does the digital badge hierarchy work?
Trek Badges – Building blocks for Quest badges, and are the most granular level of badge. They can be earned individually, or grouped together to earn a Quest badge.

Quest Badges – Building blocks for Master badges. They can be earned individually, or grouped together to earn a Mastery badge.

Mastery Badge – Earned upon completion of all Quest badges within a program, indicating by default, completion of all Trek badges within a program. The Mastery badge is earned when the entire program’s curriculum has been completed.

Where are my digital badges stored?
Badges earned through Colorado State University OnlinePlus are Mozilla Backpack compliant, and are stored in the CSUlogic badge management solution. They can be shared on social media, job networks, and various websites. Use the badges to supplement your resume, build your e-portfolio, or show off to your friends.