

Certified Gardener

CSU Extension Badge Program



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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

Digital badges illustrate expertise

The CSU Extension Certified Gardener Program is one of the first programs at Colorado State University to utilize digital badges to represent competencies and skills learned by the student. Badges allow students to share their expertise with potential employers, clients, and community members to establish credibility and visually show proficiency in areas of study.



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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.

More info

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Curriculum

The CSU Extension Certified Gardener Program is designed to be flexible, allowing you to choose subject material of interest to you. You can sign up for the full program, bundles of badges specific to a particular discipline, or individual badges depending on what you would like to learn.

Mastery Badge

AGBB 2013 - CSU Extension Certified Gardener Program | \$654

To earn the CSU Extension Certified Gardener Mastery badge, you must complete all Quest and Trek badges. To sign up for the Mastery badge, and receive the most value, register for AGBB 2013.

Quest Bundles

Quest badge bundles allow you to sign-up for multiple Trek badges at once and receive discounted pricing. Bundles are designed to increase depth in specific subject areas.

AGBB 2030 – Diagnostics and Pest Management (Quest badge) | \$144
Bundle includes:

- **AGBB 2031** – The Diagnostic Process (Trek badge)
- **AGBB 2032** – Insects (Trek badge)
- **AGBB 2033** – Plant Diseases (Trek badge)
- **AGBB 2034** – Weeds (Trek badge)

AGBB 2040 - Trees and Shrubs (Quest badge) | \$108
Bundle includes:

- **AGBB 2041** – Identifying Trees and Shrubs (Trek badge)
- **AGBB 2042** – Tree Selection and Planting (Trek badge)
- **AGBB 2043** – Pruning (Trek badge)

AGBB 2080 – Fruits and Vegetables (Quest badge) | \$108
Bundle includes:

- **AGBB 2081** – Small Fruits (Trek badge)
- **AGBB 2082** – Tree Fruits (Trek badge)
- **AGBB 2083** – Vegetables (Trek badge)

Individual Badges

You're in control. Pick individual badges based on your interest and need. Each individual Trek badge earned will apply toward the Quest bundle it's part of, as well as the Mastery badge, and each individual Quest badge will apply toward the Mastery badge should you decide to pursue higher badge levels in the future.

What is a digital badge?

A digital badge is a visual representation of skills or knowledge you have gained. You earn a digital badge each time you successfully complete one of a variety of our short online courses.

CSU's digital badge programs allow you to customize your education to meet your specific needs and interests. Take the courses you want to take, and build your own unique set of credentials.

Badges earned through CSU are organized in a hierarchy that you can build upon:

Trek Badges – Earn Trek badges for each single course completed.

Quest Badges – Earn Quest badges for completing either a single course or a group of courses, depending on the program.

Mastery Badge – Earn a Mastery badge upon completion of all courses within a program.

How can CSU's digital badges be used?

Once you earn them, you can share your digital badges among your professional and personal network. Display them on your resume, online portfolio, website, and social media pages.

The badges you display in digital locations are clickable, linking to where they are stored in [Mozilla Backpack](#). This allows others to see details about what you learned, and that your credentials were earned from CSU. Think of this as an alternative to transcripts.