

## Overview

The CSU Extension Land Stewardship program offers online training to help you understand the fundamentals of sustainable land and resource management.

Learn skills to manage your land now and plan for the future. This online land management training program features seven courses, each designed to provide knowledge related to maintaining the quality and abundance of lands in Colorado and across the Western United States. In this program, you have an opportunity to:

- Develop S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely) goals for your property, and learn about the dynamic relationships between soil, water, air, plants, animals, humans, and energy (SWAPA + HE).
- Learn the fundamentals of physical, chemical, and biological properties of soils, including soil fertility and soil texture.
- Understand the relationship between humans and water quality, become familiar with the major laws created to protect our water, and learn how you can protect water resources on your property.
- Develop a pasture management plan and explore how grasses and pasture plants grow.
- Learn to identify, prevent, and the manage weeds on your property.
- Learn how water and habitat can attract wildlife, and understand tools for deterring wildlife.
- Develop a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan for your family, house, pets, livestock, and property.



## Delivery

Online

## Tuition

Mastery Badge – \$289

Quest Badge 1 – \$126

Quest Badge 2 – \$90

Quest Badge 3 – \$90

Trek Badge – \$40-50

## Time frame

Mastery Badge – 7-8 weeks

Quest Badge – 2 weeks

Trek Badge – 1 week

## Badge expiration

Badges in this program expire after three years from the date earned to ensure up-to-date knowledge.

## More info

[online.colostate.edu/badges/land-stewardship](https://online.colostate.edu/badges/land-stewardship)

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## Curriculum

### Mastery Badge

To earn the CSU Extension Land Stewardship Mastery Badge, you must complete all Quest and Trek Badges. To sign up for the Mastery Badge, and receive the most value, register for NRBB 1010.

**NRBB 1010** – CSU Extension Land Stewardship | \$289

### Quest Badges

Quest Badges include groups of courses bundled together for a 10 percent discounted price. These badges help students specialize in specific topic areas.

- **NRBB 1020** – Stewardship Planning and Sustainability | \$126
- **NRBB 1030** – Managing Forage Plants and Noxious Weeds | \$90
- **NRBB 1040** – Wildlife Management and Emergency Preparedness | \$90

### Trek Badges (individual courses)

If you prefer, pick individual badges based on your interests and needs. Each individual Trek Badge earned will apply toward a Quest Badge, as well as the Mastery Badge.

- **NRBB 1021** – Stewardship Planning – Inventory Resources (Trek Badge \$40)
- **NRBB 1022** – The Basics - Soil (Trek Badge \$50)
- **NRBB 1023** – The Basics - Water (Trek Badge \$50)
- **NRBB 1031** – Management of Forage Plants (Trek Badge \$50)
- **NRBB 1032** – Management of Invasive and Noxious Weeds (Trek Badge \$50)
- **NRBB 1043** – Management of Wildlife in Colorado (Trek Badge \$50)
- **NRBB 1044** – Emergency Preparedness (Trek Badge \$50)

## 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. 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.