CPH Credit Policy

Accepted Course Material for Educational Activities

Basic horticulture knowledge, practices, or skills; in areas such as
- Botany, Propagation, Pruning, Growing, Planting
- Soils, Fertilizers, Composting, Weed Management, Water Quality
- Entomology, Plant Disease, Diagnosing Plant Problems, IPM
- Landscape Design, Plant Identification

Occupation-related and industry-relevant material, such as
- Nursery Operations and Growing, Pesticide Application, Arboriculture
- Turfgrass Management, Irrigation, Landscape Maintenance
- Site Planning and Development, Drainage, Permeable Paving
- Hardscapes, Water Features, Landscape Materials, Landscape Lighting
- Agricultural Horticulture, Orchards, Berry Crops, Vegetable Gardening, Houseplants

1. Attending a Seminar or Training Class
   - Topics as defined under ‘Accepted Course Material’
   - For online course: pre-approval is recommended
   - For college level class: See 6. “Attending a College Level Course for Credit”

Credit Policy: 1 hour = 1 CPH Education Credit

Examples Include:
- WSU horticulture-related seminar (1 hour = 1 credit)
- Green Gardening IPM Workshop (6 hours = 6 credits)
- WSU Low Impact Development (LID) Technical 2-Day Workshop (13 hours = 13 credits)
- Northwest Flower & Garden Show & Farwest Show Seminars (1 hour = 1 credit)
- AHS webinar (1 hour = 1 credit)
- WICA 2-Day Irrigation Design (12 hours = 12 credits)
- WSU 2-Day IPM Workshop, Turf Disease and Insect Diagnosis (12 hours = 12 credits)

2. Teaching or Speaking For Credit
   - Instructing or training peers, horticultural workers, or
   - Teaching homeowners in a classroom-like format
   - Credit for the same class, event, or course material limited to twice per year
   - Topics as defined under ‘Accepted Course Material’

Credit Policy: 1 CPH Education Credit = 2 hours

Examples Include:
- Teaching company sponsored internal horticulture class (2 hours = 1 credit)
- Teaching WSNLA Plant Identification seminar series (12 hours = 6 credits)
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3. Authoring an Article for Credit
   - Submission of horticulture-related article to a professional publication

Credit Policy: 1 to 3 CPH credits depending on complexity and length of article.

Examples Include:
- B&B article authoring and submission
- KPLU.org / NPR ‘Around the House’ article authoring and submission

4. Attending a Professional Meeting or Guided Tour for Credit
   - Knowledge sharing in an industry-relevant area, or
   - Instructional walkthrough or demonstration with a presentation and discussion of horticultural product, practices or skills

Credit Policy: ½ hour for 1st credit, 2 hours for each additional credit

Examples Include:
- WSNLA or WALP chapter meeting with a short educational activity (1 credit)
- Educational tour of a commercial greenhouse (3 hours 2 credits)
- UWBG Arboreum Weekend Walk guided tour (1.5 hours 1 credit)

5. Staffing of Garden Show, Horticultural Event or Clinic for Credit
   - Interaction with homeowners or professionals at a horticultural event or volunteer activity
   - Answering questions on plant identification, culture, plant problem diagnosis, or other horticultural topics

Credit Policy: 2 hours * = 1 CPH Education Credit (* active, public interaction)

Examples Include
- Northwest Flower & Garden Show Display Garden staffing (2 hours = 1 credit)
- Master Gardener Plant Clinic staffing (2 hours = 1 credit)
- Seattle Tilth Garden Hotline staffing (2 hours = 1 credit)

6. Attending a College Level Course
   - Topics as defined under ‘Accepted course material’

Credit Policy: 1 credit-hour = 3 CPH Education Credits (passing grade required)

Examples Include:
- LWTC, HORT 138 Topics in Arboriculture (3CR = 9 credits)
- S. Seattle CC, LHO 265 Landscape Contracts & Specifications (3CR = 9 credits)
- Edmonds CC, HORT 278 Landscape Construction Design (4CR = 12 credits)