

Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners, Advanced MG Training Guidelines
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Guidelines

- To be eligible for Advanced Master Gardener Training credit, a Master Gardener must have “active” status, and must be certified. (Certification requires core training and fulfillment of 30 hours of approved volunteer service within 12 calendar months after completion of core training).
- A Master Gardener intern who attends AT may receive continuing education credit, but not AT credit.
- A Master Gardener intern, who completes the requirements to become certified *before* 12 calendar months has passed, will be eligible to receive AT credit.
- Content should be based on academic research and information from peer-reviewed journals, and be statistically valid, with training approved by the Advanced Training committee.
- Training should reflect a variety of topics, either broad topics such as those covered in core training (i.e. vegetable gardening) or more specific (i.e. organic vegetable gardening) and be more in-depth than core training.
- Training time should be a minimum of one hour
- Each hour of instruction is equal to one AT credit.
- After a Master Gardener completes a total of 30 hours of advanced training, he or she may move to Level 2, Advanced Status Master Gardener. Up to 10 hours on one topic will count toward the 30. (Attendance of an Advanced Training with more than 10 hours related to one topic may be accumulated, but only 10 hours of such topic will qualify toward Advanced Certification. This is to provide the opportunity for breadth of knowledge that offers greater benefit to the community.)
- Advanced training participants are encouraged to share information learned with the local chapter through a poster, brief newsletter article, or presentation at a monthly meeting.
- All approved Advanced Training hours should be submitted at the end of the year on the Service Record Sheet. Cumulative totals may be used to apply for Level 2, Advanced Status Master Gardener.
- Master Gardeners are responsible for tracking and retaining their individual records of all hours of attendance of Advanced Training.
- Master Gardeners are encouraged to provide a one to three statement on the end of year Service Record Sheet describing how the Advanced Training was used or planned for use in a volunteer project.