

Lake Area Master Gardener Advanced Master Gardener Certification Policies and Procedures

An Advanced Training committee may be formed by the Lake Area Master Gardeners organization to assist the coordinator of the Advance Master Gardener certification program. The application, selection, course topics, examinations, absenteeism policy and hours of subsequent volunteer service for Advanced Master Gardener Certification training will be determined by the local program coordinator or the state coordinator.

An Active Master Gardener is eligible for the Advanced Master Gardener certification. The curriculum may be referred to as Advanced Training, Train the Trainer and many sessions at club meetings, annual meetings and tours, or special seminars could meet the criteria. Details about the training should be provided to the local coordinator in advance if possible otherwise supporting information should be included in your volunteer reports. The basic guideline for the course is that they augment and reinforce the core curriculum of Master Gardener training. No set fee is established for the Advanced Training.

Certification requirements:

- The course content must be beyond the scope of the Master Gardener training, based on qualifications of the instructor and course outline content.
- The class sessions must be 60 minutes in length for each credit earned.
- A total of 30 hours of approved credit is required, there is no time limit.
- The 20 volunteer and 6 training hours per year must be met. Advanced training can also count to meet the six hour requirement.
- The Master Gardener Service Record must be reported to the regional coordinator.

Upon completion of the certification requirements the individual will submit their name to the local coordinator for review. Final certification must have the approval of regional coordinator.

Continuing Advanced Master Gardener designation requirements:

- 20 volunteer hours to include teaching classes and giving demonstrations and 6 hours of training.

Approved by Extension coordinator
Ted Fry on 8/13/2010