

Desert Landscape School Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Desert Landscape School?

The Desert Landscape School is a signature credentialing program at Desert Botanical Garden. It offers professionals, homeowners and gardeners an opportunity to learn from experts about all aspects of desert landscaping and earn a credential upon completion.

Where are classes held?

With only a few exceptions, classes are held at Desert Botanical Garden, where students have access to the Garden's collection of desert plants.

How do I earn the Desert Landscape School credential?

The School offers six different certificate programs, upon successfully completing all six Desert Landscape School certificates.

How long does it take to complete a certificate?

Most of our programs consist of 20 hours of instruction and participants can complete it in 11-12 weeks after enrollment.

When are classes held?

Most classes are scheduled on weekends or weekday evenings to accommodate working professionals.

What are the requirements to achieve a certificate?

Students who wish to receive a certificate upon completion of each program must meet the attendance requirement and reach or surpass the minimum score set for the program's assessment exam.

How many hours of studying on my own can I expect?

Students should expect to spend two to four hours each week during the program devoted to studying the materials, reading and/or completing assignments.

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The amount of time it takes to earn the credential depends on how many certificates a student takes at each season/offerings. It is possible for students to earn the credential within one year.

How many times a year is each certificate program offered?

Each certificate program is offered twice a year.

How much does the program cost?

The average cost for each certificate program is \$275 for members and \$344 for the general public.

How do I register for each certificate program?

Students may [register online](#) or at 480 481.8146.

Which certificate is right for me?

The description for each certificate is a good resource for deciding if the program will meet your needs. If you have further questions about the curriculum, please contact Angelica Elliott, Program Development Manager, Adult Education at aelliott@dbg.org or call 480 481.8171.