



## What is the VCE Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program?

The VCE (Virginia Cooperative Extension) Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program trains participants to become VCE Master Gardener Volunteers in practical gardening and landscaping techniques both, preserving and protecting the environment. The classes are taught by the horticulture extension agent, experts, and professionals in the different fields.

## What is a certified VCE Master Gardener?

Certified VCE MGVs are trained volunteers who help their community by teaching others environmentally sound landscape gardening techniques. VCE MGVs complete 50 hours of classroom training and 50 internship hours. Master Gardener volunteers continue to volunteer in the community.

## What do Master Gardeners do?

Primarily, MGVs are educators in the community. Our projects include school-based programs, a horticulture help-line, plant clinics, maintaining demonstration gardens, horticulture therapy and others.

## Who should take the class?

If you love gardening and beautifying the environment, if you want to share what you learn with others, then you should take this class! Master Gardeners provide a vast array of opportunities to learn and grow as gardeners and volunteers.

## When and where does the training class begin?

-Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> continuing each Wednesday for 15 weeks.  
-9am to 12pm at VCE - Culpeper, VCE - Greene, VCE - Madison, and VCE - Orange

## How much does the class cost?

The **tuition is \$145**. This price covers the cost of study materials and instructor fees. The deadline is December 14<sup>th</sup>; please plan to attend one of the orientations list below.

## What topics are covered in the classroom training?

- ✂ Botany
- ✂ Diseases
- ✂ Integrated Pest Management
- ✂ Vegetable Gardening
- ✂ Plant Propagation
- ✂ Soils & Fertilizers
- ✂ Pruning
- ✂ Lawns
- ✂ Trees & Shrubs
- ✂ And More!

## How can I learn more?

Orientation Schedule:  
Wednesday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> **VCE - Culpeper**  
Thursday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> **VCE - Madison**  
Tuesday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> **VCE - Greene**  
Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> **VCE - Orange**

All orientations begin at 11 am



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## 2017 Culpeper, Greene, Madison, and Orange County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Training Course



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1. How did you learn about this program and why do you want to be a VCE Master Gardener?

2. Have you ever volunteered before? If so, where?

3. What interests you most about the VCE Master Gardener Volunteer Course?

4. How many hours per month would you like to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What are the best times for you to volunteer?

\_\_\_ Weekday morning \_\_\_ Weekday afternoon \_\_\_ Weekday evening \_\_\_ Weekend

*The required internship consists of gardening-related community service that is educational in nature and is performed in your local community. Structured volunteer-led projects already exist; new projects are regularly evaluated for feasibility. You will be required to attend one of the orientations, complete a volunteer application, and a background check before acceptance into volunteer training.*

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\*TDD number is (800) 828-1120