

**Landscape Horticulture**  
WHERE CREATIVITY MEETS CULTIVATION

# Cultivate Your Passion for Design and Horticulture into a Rewarding Career

Hands-on training prepares graduates for diverse roles including landscape architects, arborists, nursery managers, fine gardeners, and park maintenance supervisors—and with a strong network of industry connections, alumni have secured positions at leading companies like PGA, 4 Dimensions, Arterra, and Mariposa Design and Gardening Cooperative, among others. Whether you're aiming to start your own business or succeed at an established firm, our program equips you with the skills to thrive in the green industry.

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Combine creativity and technical skills to shape outdoor environments that are functional, beautiful, and sustainable.

**Certificate of Achievement (CA)**

Landscape Design and Construction  
43-44 units



**Associate in Science Degree (AS)**

Landscape Design and Construction  
64-65 units



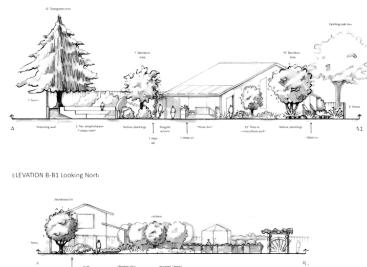
**Associate in Arts Degree (AA)**

Landscape Architecture  
63-64 units



The Landscape Horticulture Department at Merritt College punches well above its weight. As someone in a design field doing a mid-career shift, I've found high-quality courses with relevant, practical content. The instructors bring a wealth of real-world expertise, making the learning experience both grounded and inspiring.

Landscape Horticulture Student



Earn a degree that opens doors. The AA in Landscape Architecture is a popular choice for students looking for a creative, in-demand career, with graduates working in landscape architecture firms, garden design, and design-build. Our state-approved program even satisfies California's education requirement to sit for the landscape architect licensing exam—a must for advancing in the field.



Degrees are awarded upon satisfactory completion of the major course and General Education requirements.



Certificates can stand alone or stack toward advanced credentials. Arrows show where stacking options or connections exist.



**Certificate of Achievement (CA)**

Tree Care Specialist  
20.5 units



**Certificate of Achievement (CA)**

Tree Climber Specialist  
39.5 units



**Associate in Science Degree (AS)**

Arboriculture  
60 units



## HORTICULTURE

Focus on the science, cultivation, and care of plants—from nurseries to community gardens.

**Certificate of Achievement (CA)**

Basic Landscape Horticulture  
20 units



**Certificate of Achievement (CA)**

Landscape and Parks Maintenance  
42 units



**Certificate of Achievement (CA)**

Permaculture Design  
17-18 units



**Certificate of Achievement (CA)**

Nursery Management  
39 units



**Associate in Science Degree (AS)**

Landscape and Parks Maintenance  
60 units



**Associate in Science Degree (AS)**

Nursery Management  
60 units



**MEDIAN YEARLY WAGE**

Arborists or Tree Care Specialists

**\$64,120**

Landscape Architects

**\$97,170**

San Francisco, Oakland, Hayward, CA Metro Area

## Step Into These Roles

- Nursery and Greenhouse Manager
- Urban Farmer or Horticulture Technician
- Landscape Maintenance Supervisor
- Pest Control Advisor / IPM Specialist
- Environmental Restoration Technician

## Shape the Urban Forest: Learn, Prune, Connect

Our Aesthetic Pruning Club welcomes anyone to sign up for classes. Join a diverse community of professionals and enthusiasts who come together through monthly hands-on projects, workshops, and educational events to learn proper pruning techniques for trees and shrubs in urban landscapes.





## Get Started on Your Future Today

Scan the QR code or visit [www.merritt.edu](http://www.merritt.edu) to apply.



### Merritt College puts students first.

For decades, it has stood at the intersection of social justice, community empowerment, and career-focused education—expanding opportunity for underrepresented communities and supporting pathways into meaningful, living-wage careers. Whether you're switching professions, building new skills, or aiming for a promotion, Merritt's Career Education programs help you reach your goals through hands-on training, immersive career exploration, and support tailored to every student—especially working adults.

Our programs prepare students for licensure and certifications with strong pass rates and are aligned with high-demand jobs in the Bay Area and beyond. It's never been easier to complete a certificate, earn an Associate's degree, or prepare to transfer to a CSU or other four-year university. With flexible class times—morning, evening, and online—and services like counseling, the Learning Center, EOPS, and Student Accessibility Services (SAS), Merritt meets you where you are.



### Meet with a Counselor early and often!

Whether you're enrolling in classes, exploring career options or navigating personal challenges, Counselors have your back! Counselors are available through scheduled appointments, remote drop-ins, and e-counseling (for specific needs).



Visit [merritt.edu/counseling/](http://merritt.edu/counseling/) to learn more, or contact a dedicated Career Education Counselor at [MCCareerEd@peralta.edu](mailto:MCCareerEd@peralta.edu)