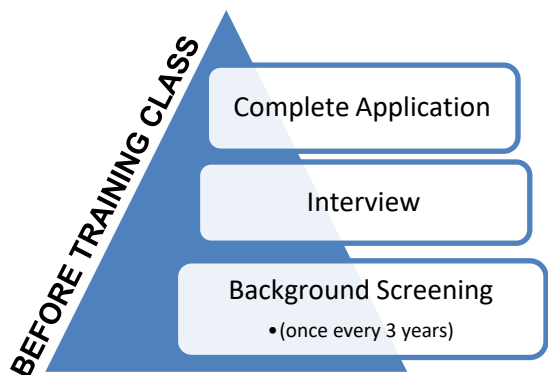


Master Gardener Program Year One Requirements

Step 1: Master Gardener Trainee (2.5 months)



60 hours training
Master Gardener Training
Class

✓ Master Gardener Training Class

- 60 Hours of **in-person training**
 - Most classes held at the Hahn Horticulture Pavilion & Gardens on Virginia Tech Campus
 - If you miss a class, watch the lesson on Canvas and take the corresponding quiz.

- ✓ Complete the classroom training and receive a 75 % or better on final exam

75% or +
Master Gardener
Exam



Graduation

Step 2: Master Gardener Intern (6-7 months)

50 Hours
Volunteering



Public/community/educational

Track hours



- ✓ Fulfill initial internship experience of 50 hours of Volunteer Service by end of year
 - At least 40 hours of the internship must consist of public or community educational efforts. 10 of the 50 can be Volunteer Management through the NRVMGGA.
 - 4 hours must be spent at Share the Spare or a plant clinic.
 - You must participate in at least 3 different service activities during your internship.

- ✓ Record all hours in Better Impact

Master Gardener Requirements: Year Two & Beyond

✓ Active volunteer

✓ Annual recertification required

- 20 hours of Volunteer Service (10 of the 20 hours can be in Volunteer Management activities through the NRVMG and/or VMGA)
 - Includes travel and preparation
 - 8 hours of Continuing Education
 - Training Time
 - Advanced training, education conferences, or other recertification training
 - Reading material (up to 4 hours) and on-line education counts.
- ****Please get approval first****



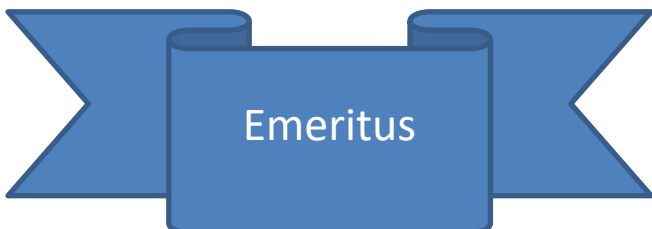
Other Levels of Master Gardener:

Advanced Master Gardener



- ✓ One who has received **advanced specialized training via VCE-MG such as:**
 - MG Tree Steward
 - MG Water Steward
 - MG Land Care Steward
- ✓ Trainings available at Master Gardener College

Emeritus Master Gardener



- ✓ A dedicated VCE-MG who retires due to health or other reasons or as determined by coordinator
- ✓ A limited use, high honor status
- ✓ Must be approved by coordinator