

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster

The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) Career Cluster focuses on the essential elements of life - food, water, land, and air. This career cluster includes a diverse spectrum of occupations, ranging from farmer, rancher, and veterinarian to geologist, land conservationist, and florist. It also includes non-traditional agricultural occupations like wind energy, solar energy, and oil and gas production.

Plant Science Statewide Program of Study



The Plant Science program of study focuses on the science, research, and business of plants and other living organisms. It teaches students how to apply biology and life science to real-world life processes of plants and vegetation, either in laboratories or in the field.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

- Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

Level 2

Level 3

- Floral Design
- Horticultural Science

Level 4

- Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Project-Based Research

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities	Work-Based Learning Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in Texas FFA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work at a florist or landscaper business Participate in an FFA supervised agriculture experience

Industry-Based Certifications

- Agricultural Biotechnology
- BASF Plant Science Certification
- Commercial/Non-Commercial Pesticide Applicator
- Commercial/Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator "Vegetation Management" License
- Horticulture - Landscaping - Job Ready
- Landscaping Irrigator
- Principles of Floral Design Certification
- Production Agriculture - Job Ready
- Texas Certified Landscape Associate (TCLA)
- Texas Certified Nursery Professional
- Texas State Florist's Association Knowledge Based Floral Certification
- Texas State Florist's Association Level I Floral Certification
- Texas State Florist's Association Level II Floral Certification

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Applied Horticulture/ Horticulture Operations, General
- Ornamental Horticulture
- Agricultural Business and Management, General
- Turf and Turfgrass Management

Bachelor's Degrees

- Applied Horticulture/ Horticulture Operations, General
- Agronomy and Crop Science
- Agricultural Business and Management, General
- Turf and Turfgrass Management

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Applied Horticulture/ Horticulture Operations, General
- Agronomy and Crop Science
- Agricultural Business and Management, General
- Farm/Farm and Ranch Management



Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Soil and Plant Scientists	\$54,662	116	21%
Tree Trimmers and Pruners	\$32,240	589	14%
Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers, and Applicators	\$36,733	196	22%
Landscaping Supervisors	\$44,408	807	19%
Biological Technicians	\$42,931	452	17%

Successful completion of the Plant Science program of study will fulfill requirements of a Business and Industry endorsement or STEM endorsement if the math and science requirements are met. Revised – August 2022

Plant Science Course information

Level 1

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	13000200 (1 credit)	None	None

Level 2

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Landscape Design and Management	13001900 (.5 credit)	None	None
Turf Grass Management	13001950 (.5 credit)	None	None
Greenhouse Operation and Production/Lab	13002050 (1 credit) 13002060 (2 credits)	None	None

Level 3

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Floral Design/Lab	13001800 (1 credit) 13001810 (2 credits)	None	None
Horticultural Science/Lab	13002000 (1 credit) 13002010 (2 credits)	None	None
Viticulture	N1300265 (1 credit)	None	None

Level 4

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	13002500 (2 credits) 13002505 (3 credits) 13002510 (2 credits) 13002515 (3 credits)	None	None
Advanced Plant and Soil Science	13002100 (1 credit)	None	None
Advanced Floral Design	N1300270 (1 credit)	Floral Design	None
Project-Based Research	12701500 (1 credit)	None	None
Scientific Research and Design	13037200 (1 credit)	Biology, Chemistry, Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC), or Physics	None

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND NATURAL RESOURCE CAREER CLUSTER,
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