

# Farm OPS Master Gardener Training

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## Online Master Gardener Training:

Monday - Thursday  
April 5th - April 28th  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- Online class instruction from 9 AM - 12 PM.
- 1 hour lunch followed by online Farm Ops project work from 1 PM - 4 PM.

## Practicum for Master Gardeners:

Monday - Thursday  
May 3rd - May 28th  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- Practice applications will take place in person in the Watertown Mission Garden and/or other horticulture related businesses.
- Where necessary, practicums can be adapted to individual service member availability.
- COVID-19 protocols will be required and adhered to.

## Fort Drum Transition Assistance Program:

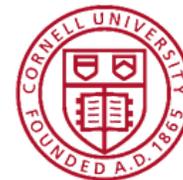
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# About

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- The Master Gardener Volunteer Program offers transitioning service members and veterans a nation-wide certificate program that is administered through land grant colleges in the United States.
- In NYS, the Master Gardener certificate is offered in each county through the Cornell Cooperative Extension system.
- The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice in all aspects of horticulture.
- Experience diverse agricultural career opportunities.
- Hands-on practice in various community and business settings.
- Flexibility to meet transitioning service member schedules.
- More information can be found at <http://bit.ly/39kBkNP>.



## Volunteer Component

- In exchange for this in-depth, career building certificate in the science and art of gardening, new Master Gardeners are required to participate in a service-learning project.
- The project will include weekly gardening tasks and hands-on learning at the local Urban Mission Food Pantry Garden with seasoned Master Gardeners and Cooperative Extension Educators.
- If necessary an alternative learning project can be developed.

## Skill sets obtained from the classroom and hands-on learning will include:

- How to identify plants, insects, and plant diseases.
- Integrated pest management principles.
- Planting and maintenance of trees, shrubs, fruit, vegetables, turfgrass, and flowers.
- Plant propagation methods.
- Maintain healthy soil.
- Landscaping principles.
- Pruning methods.

## Potential future employment opportunities include:

- Landscaper
- Nurseryman
- Grounds Maintenance
- Gardener
- Greenhouse Operator
- Fruit, Vegetable, or Tree Farmer

**Public interest in local foods, horticulture, and food systems is driving growing career opportunities. Sign up for this condensed certificate program.**