

Floriculture And Greenhouse Management

Exam Information	Description
Exam number 130 Items 56 National Career Cluster Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Certification available Yes	The Floriculture and Greenhouse Management industry certification exam measures knowledge related to the floriculture industry. The exam focuses on floral design and greenhouse operations and management. Learners demonstrate their knowledge of how to create floral arrangements, produce commercial plant species in a controlled environment, and manage commercial and experimental greenhouse operations.

Exam Blueprint and Performance Skills

Standard	Percentage of exam score
1. Candidate Organizations In Agricultural Education	3%
2. Agricultural Experience In Agricultural Education	3%
3. Floral Design Techniques	22%
4. Greenhouse Crop Production Techniques	62%
5. Floriculture Industry	9%
6. Greenhouse Business Concepts	1%

*Includes performance skill evaluation

Standard 1 - Candidate Organization In Agricultural Education

Candidates will develop personal, leadership, and career skills through candidate organizations participation.

Objective 1 Assess the role of candidate organization participation in developing personal and leadership skills.

1. Identify important personal skills and the strategies used in developing the skills.
2. Identify important leadership skills and the role of candidate organization participation in developing the skills.

Objective 2 Assess the role of candidate organization participation in developing career skills.

1. List and describe proficiency awards appropriate for horticulture
2. List and describe career development events appropriate for horticulture.
3. Relate the importance of supervised agricultural experience to candidate organization achievement.
4. Utilize candidate organization and supervised agricultural experience participation to gain advanced degrees of candidate organization membership

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Standard 2 - Agricultural Experience In Agricultural Education

Candidates will explain the maintenance and expansion of supervised agricultural experience programs

Objective 1 Maintain and use agricultural experience records.

1. Explain how agricultural experience records are maintained from year to year.
2. Explain how to summarize and analyze agricultural experience records.

Objective 2 Devise long-range plans for expanding agricultural experience programs.

1. Evaluate the overall quality of a current agricultural experience and determine how to make it more productive or profitable.
2. Explain factors that should be considered in expanding an agricultural experience program.

3. Explain how placement agricultural experience and ownership agricultural experience programs may be expanded.

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Standard 3 - Floral Design Techniques

Candidates will demonstrate floral design techniques.

Objective 1 Identify common plant materials used in floral design.

1. Identify common cut flowers used in floral design.
2. Identify common foliage used in floral design.
3. Identify common live plants used in floral design.

Objective 2 Care for fresh flowers and foliage.

1. Explain the basic care requirements of cut flowers (e.g., water, light, temperature).
2. Describe the causes of deterioration and death of flowers (e.g., ethylene gas).
3. Describe the steps of effective conditioning of flowers and foliage.
4. Explain the importance of using floral preservatives.

Objective 3 Identify floral design tools and supplies.

1. Identify common tools used in floral design.
2. Recognize and describe floral design supplies.

Objective 4 Explain the principles and elements of floral design.

1. Discuss the history and influence of different styles of design on the floriculture industry.
2. Analyze the principles of floral design.
3. Examine the concept of proportion and scale.
4. Explain how the concept of balance is applied to floral design.
5. Describe how rhythm is applied in floral work.
6. Explain how the principles of dominance and focal point are used in floral design.
7. Describe the major flower forms used in floral design.
8. Explain how space and depth enhance floral design.
9. Assess the importance of texture in floral design.
10. Evaluate the influences of color on floral work.
11. Explain basic geometric designs.

Objective 5 Design floral arrangements using the principles and elements of design using at least four of the following indicators.

1. Design corsages and boutonnieres.

2. Design bud vase arrangements.
3. Design vase arrangements.
4. Design centerpieces.
5. Design holiday arrangements.
6. Design wedding pieces.
7. Design sympathy arrangements.
8. Design colored bowls and hanging baskets.
9. Design arrangements using everlasting flowers.
10. Prepare a potted plant with foil
11. Create bows and/or accessories appropriate for the design.

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Standard 4 - Greenhouse Crop Production Techniques

Candidates will demonstrate greenhouse crop production techniques.

Objective 1 Candidates will demonstrate greenhouse crop production techniques.

1. Differentiate greenhouse designs.
2. Review considerations for greenhouse frameworks.
3. Identify and describe greenhouse glazing materials.
4. Describe the functions of the head house.
5. Describe greenhouse bench options.
6. Identify and operate supplemental lighting systems.

Objective 2 Explain greenhouse climate control.

1. Describe methods of heating greenhouse structures.
2. Contrast major greenhouse cooling and ventilation systems.
3. Discuss how energy curtains are used to maintain greenhouse temperatures.
4. Analyze greenhouse climate controls.

Objective 3 Describe automated greenhouse systems.

1. Assess automated planting systems.
2. Identify automated systems for moving plants in the greenhouse.
3. Compare automated watering systems.

Objective 4 Examine the components and properties of growing media.

1. Describe the components of growing media.
2. Describe the functions of growing media.
3. Determine desirable properties of growing media.
4. Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of soilless media.

Objective 5 Investigate chemical characteristics of growing media.

1. Demonstrate proper techniques for sampling growing media.
2. Test and determine the pH level of various growing media.
3. Interpret pH test results of a growing media sample

Objective 6 Supply nutrients to greenhouse crops.

1. Explain plant nutrition.
2. Describe pH and how it is modified.
3. Describe the components of a fertilizer.
4. Explain the methods of applying fertilizers to horticulture crops.

Objective 7 Explain the effects of light, temperature, and water on plant growth.

1. Examine the effect of light on greenhouse crops.
2. Describe the influence of temperature on greenhouse crops.
3. Explain how watering practices influence greenhouse crop production.

Objective 8 Identify and explain the functions of plant growth regulators.

1. Compare the functions of plant hormones.
2. Examine commercial uses for plant growth regulators.

Objective 9 Propagate greenhouse crops.

1. Compare and contrast sexual and asexual reproduction.
2. Explain pollination, cross-pollination, and self-pollination of flowering plants.
3. Diagram the process of plant fertilization.
4. Describe the process of seed germination.
5. Explain the conditions required for seed germination.
6. Explain the importance of seed viability and vigor.
7. Demonstrate techniques for sowing seed.
8. Describe optimal conditions for asexual propagation.
9. Demonstrate techniques used to propagate plants by cuttings, division, separation, and layering.
10. Transplant greenhouse plant materials.

Objective 10 Grow greenhouse crops.

1. Plan a growing schedule to maximize the production of the greenhouse facility.
2. Explain the importance of proper spacing of greenhouse crops and recommended spacing practices.
3. Select the appropriate container and medium for a greenhouse crop.
4. Explain the purposes for pinching greenhouse crops and the techniques used.
5. Describe disbudding procedures.
6. Demonstrate proper watering techniques.
7. Demonstrate production of potted flowering crops.
8. Demonstrate production of bulb crops.
9. Demonstrate production of bedding plants.

10. Demonstrate production of foliage plants

Objective 11 Discuss pest management techniques.

1. Identify categories of pests (e.g., weeds, insects, fungi, etc.).
2. Explain best management practices while maintaining environmental integrity.
3. Discuss alternative pest control techniques.
4. Demonstrate safe practices in selecting, applying, storing, and disposing of chemicals.
5. Explain integrated pest management (IPM).

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Standard 5 - Floriculture Industry

Candidates will study the floriculture industry.

Objective 1 Price floral design work.

1. Explain the importance of effective buying.
2. Determine the costs for floral arrangements.
3. Assess typical pricing strategies.
4. Calculate markup.

Objective 2 Prepare floriculture crops for sale.

1. Clean plants and containers.
2. Decorate plants and containers.
3. Attach price tags and care instructions.

Objective 3 Explain the basics of marketing in the floriculture industry.

1. Display floriculture materials for sale.
2. Recognize ways of maintaining and increasing the effectiveness of horticultural business displays.
3. Recognize how advertising is used.
4. Complete sales tickets.
5. Use proper telephone techniques.
6. Describe effective packaging and delivery.
7. Describe the impact of the international flower market on the floriculture industry.

Objective 4 Describe floriculture business management.

1. Differentiate the types of floriculture businesses.
2. Recognize costs related to floriculture production.
3. Analyze the importance of marketing, promotion, and sales.

4. Describe career opportunities associated with floriculture management.

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Standard 6 - Greenhouse Business Concepts

Candidates will explain greenhouse business concepts.

Objective 1 Prepare greenhouse crops for sale.

1. Clean plants and containers.
2. Decorate plants and containers.
3. Calculate mark-up.
4. Attach price tags and care instructions.

Objective 2 Explain the basics of marketing in the greenhouse industry.

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2. Recognize how advertising is used.
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Performance Skills Evaluation

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Candidate Name: _____

Performance assessments may be completed and evaluated any time before the certification is issued. The following performance skills can be used in connection with the associated standards and exam. The evaluator will function as the subject matter expert to determine if the candidate meets the skills requirements with a Yes/No for passing.

Standard 1 – Self Awareness and Careers - Identify four personal values and explain how these values affect behavior and choices - Research a Human Services career that includes educational requirements, skill development, and income potential	Pass:
Standard 2 – Candidate Organization in Agricultural Education Candidates will attend a candidate organization meeting	Pass:
Standard 3 – Agricultural Experience in Agricultural Education Candidates will use the approved record book to record financial transactions and activities on an agricultural experience	Pass:
Standard 4 – Floral Design Techniques - Candidate will design and make corsages and boutonnieres - Candidate will design and make four of the following floral arrangements; bud vase, centerpiece, holiday arrangement, wedding arrangement, sympathy arrangement, color bowl, or hanging basket using the principles and elements of design.	Pass:
Standard 5 – Greenhouse Crop Production - Propagate plants using both seed and cuttings - Perform typical plant maintenance including, transplanting, watering, pinching, and disbudding - Candidates will develop a growing schedule to maximize the production of a greenhouse facility - Candidate will prepare greenhouse plants for sale	Pass:
Standard 6 – Floriculture Business Concepts Candidate will develop short and long-range leadership and personal development goals	Pass:

Evaluator Name:

Date:
