

IBEST – Integrated Basic Education & Skills Training
Landscape Horticulture Certificate
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please check the boxes below, if you agree. IBEST is a program that lets qualified ABE/ESL students take college credit classes and earn a Landscape Horticulture Certificate, even if they have no GED or high school diploma. A placement test will be administered by the college, for entry.

- *Students go to college classes, supported by two instructors. They also go to a separate IBEST ABE class that helps them keep working on their reading, writing or math skills.*
 - *Students earn 43 college credits and a certificate that qualifies them for a career in the landscaping industry.*
 - *After the program, students can continue their education toward an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Horticulture Technology.*
- I qualify for ABE/GED/ESL classes (placement test or working on GED).
- My Reading CASAS score is at least 230 on test Form 185 or higher (see your ABE advisor for your score) **OR** I am a Level 5 or 6 ESL student.
- I want a job or career in landscaping and/or horticulture.
- I am able to pay for tuition, books and fees for my college level classes, OR, I am willing to ask for and fill out all the Financial Aid forms necessary (Financial Aid information is available through the Financial Aid Office).
- I will come to school full time - Monday through Friday, between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. (The actual schedule will change each quarter, but you should be free to come to school during these times.)
- I will take all the program classes scheduled each quarter. (If you have already earned credits in these classes at SPSCC or another school, please see the IBEST Director.)
- I will attend my scheduled classes (IBEST students cannot miss more than 5 sessions in any class).
- I will do the homework assigned on time and to the best of my ability, and will keep my grades up at a “C” or higher.
- I can participate for the next three quarters in this program.
- I understand that I must qualify and agree to all of these conditions to participate in IBEST.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Contact Phone / Email

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Date