

# Merritt College Aesthetic Pruning Club

## MERRITT COLLEGE LANDSCAPE HORTICULTURE

### Aesthetic Pruning Award Requirements

Academic Courses (successful completion with grade C or better)

- LH 1 Introduction to Landscape Horticulture 3 units
  - LH 23 Plant Terminology 2.5 units
  - Two of the following: LH 2 Trees, LH 4 Shrubs, LH 5 Natives 6 units
  - LH 11 Plant Diseases 3 units
  - One of following: LH 16 Soils, LH 19 Nutrition, or LH 10 Insects 3 units
  - LH 13 Arboriculture 3 units
  - LH 26 Pruning (two all-day Saturday classes) .5 units
  - One design class: LH18A\*, LH29, LH32, LH33, LH55 or LH57 3 units
  - \* 18LA [1 unit] must be taken concurrently, total: 4 units
- TOTAL: 24 units

### Aesthetic Pruning Classes (fee-based)

- LH800 Introduction to Aesthetic Pruning
  - LH 801 The Art of Pruning Deciduous Trees & Shrubs
  - LH 803 Finding the Essence of a Tree
  - LH 804 Pruning Flowering Trees & Shrubs
  - LH 810 Pruning Maples
  - LH 811A Pruning Pines
  - LH 812 The Art of the Focal Point Tree
  - LH 815 Pruning for the Big Picture
  - LH 816 Pruning Container Trees & Shrubs
  - LH 817 Pruning Japanese Gardens
  - LH 818 Pruning Conifers
  - LH 819 The Art of Tree and Shrub Reduction and Correction
  - LH 823 Aesthetic Pruning As A Career
  - LH 831 Pruning CA Native Trees & Shrubs
  - LH 839A Introduction to Bonsai
- 100 HOURS OF DOCUMENTED PRUNING EXPERIENCE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY A DESIGNATED PRUNING INSTRUCTOR

This is an award issued through the Landscape Horticulture Department. This is not a formal certificate given by Merritt College or the Peralta Community College District. However, earning this award indicates a high level of knowledge and proficiency in pruning and related subjects. The Landscape Horticulture staff will verify completion of required classes. The applicant must keep track of when fee-based classes were completed. This will facilitate the verification process, as these classes are not listed on student transcripts as academic classes are. You must also be able to document your experience. Please email (preferred) or call (510) 436-2418 for further information.

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