

## HORT 297 Cooperative Education: Horticulture

**Course prefix/number/title:** HORT 297, Co-op Education

**Number of credits:** 1-6

**Course Description:** Students combine course learning with practical, professional work experiences in the field of Horticulture. The employer does an evaluation of the work experience; the faculty advisor supervises the students; the students are required to complete a daily log and self-evaluation submitted to the faculty advisor. A minimum of 45 hours of work is required to earn one credit. A grade of satisfactory/unsatisfactory is given by the faculty advisor.

**Pre-/Co-requisites:** Advisor approval

### Course Objectives

1. Hands-on learning through real world work experience in Horticulture.
2. Increased understanding of the Horticulture Industry and its various components.
3. Acquire skills and capabilities in Horticulture.
4. Develop work relationships in the horticulture fields.
5. Apply learning from the curriculum to a work environment.

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### **Course Requirements:**

*-Work Experience:* Students must work a minimum of 40 hours in approved work environment to earn one credit. Up to 6 credits Available.

*-Before Work Documents:* Students must submit the Approval of Worksite and the Employer Agreement form before work begins to receive credit.

*-During Work Document:* Students must submit an hourly log of time worked, with description of the work to be submitted at the end of every week no later than that Sunday of the work week. Log must be signed by worksite supervisor.

*-Post Work Documents:* Students must complete and submit the Student Survey Document. The Employer Performance Evaluation must be submitted directly to course advisor from the student's internship worksite supervisor. Email must come directly from supervisor's email, not the student's email. These forms must be submitted no later than the last regular day of the semester.

**\*The following course requirements only pertain to students taking 1 credit of HORT 297 Co-Op ED during the fall semester of their 1<sup>st</sup>/Freshman year at DCB.**

*\*Freshman year Co-op:* Freshman students enrolled in any of the Horticulture programs are advised to take at least 1 credit of Co-Op Ed completed on the DCB Farm during the fall of their freshman year. This enables continued exposure and hands-on experience in Horticulture while the students complete their general education requirements. The freshman year co-op Education course will also require various literature readings, articles and reviews related to the Horticulture industry followed by reflective writing assignments. Students will need to complete all that are assigned by the faculty advisor to receive a satisfactory for the course.

**\*Reflective Writing Assignments** will be assigned with prompts throughout the semester and graded based on a rubric that looks for addressing of prompt, depth of understanding, use of technical information, language use, and overall synthesis of content. This is a powerful learning tool as it integrates experience with knowledge gathering and seeks to integrate the two to demonstrate higher level learning than what would be assessed in examinations.

#### Student Email Policy

Dakota College at Bottineau is increasingly dependent upon email as an official form of communication. A student's campus-assigned email address will be the only one recognized by the campus for official mailings. The liability for missing or not acting upon important information conveyed via campus email rests with the student.

#### Academic Integrity

All students are expected to excel to the best of their ability. Students must adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity. Dishonesty in the classroom or laboratory and with assignments, quizzes and exams is a serious offense and is subject to disciplinary action by the instructor and college administration. For more information, refer to the student handbook.

#### Disabilities and Special Needs

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact your instructor and the Learning Center (701-228-5479) as early as possible during the beginning of the semester.

Relationship to Campus Theme: This course addresses the campus theme by incorporating the role that Horticulture plays in our everyday life and the impact it has on our natural world.