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Update on 2021/2022 Horticultural Therapy Institute Classes

Dear students and those interested in horticultural therapy training,

The Institute is going strong and working hard to continue to lead the field in horticultural therapy education. Here is an update on our plans for the next series of classes that begin with *Fundamentals of Horticultural Therapy* in the fall of 2021 and finishes with *Horticultural Therapy Management* in the fall of 2022.

Due to the changing nature of the COVID-19 health crisis we have carefully decided to conduct one face-to-face and two online fall 2021 classes. We know the value of on-site, face-to-face horticultural therapy instruction with quality interaction and engagement with the instructor and fellow students thus our decision to offer one Fundamentals class in this format. After conducting an entire series of classes online this past 15 months, we learned how to offer this engagement in an online format and discovered some unique advantages as well as new ways to deliver the same quality content for which the Institute is known. In 2022 we will offer one section of each class face-to-face and the other using a synchronous live online meeting format. Final schedules are being assessed. If face-to-face is not feasible to do safely we will offer classes 100% online. The goal is to provide a reliable and consistent experience for our students, no matter what format is used throughout the duration of the class series.

Enrollment Now Open for the Upcoming Series!

The entry point into the horticultural therapy certificate series is the *Fundamentals of Horticultural Therapy* class. Here are some quick FAQs regarding that class.

How will *Fundamentals of Horticultural Therapy* be taught online?
One class (Denver) will be offered face-to-face and the remaining two will be live and synchronous using Zoom. The lead instructor will be Rebecca Haller,HTM, along with several guest speakers.

What are the dates for *Fundamentals of Horticultural Therapy* classes?

> **Section I**- (CO series) Face-to-face Denver, CO
> Oct. 21-24, 2021
> Deadline for enrollment: Sept. 21, 2020

> **Section II**-Mountain Time Zone (GMT-7)
> Nov. 11-14, 2021
> Deadline for enrollment: Oct. 11, 2021

> **Section III**-Mountain Time Zone (GMT-7)
> Dec. 2-5, 2021
> Deadline for enrollment: Nov. 2, 2021

Are there assignments?
Yes, pre-class assignments will include reading specific sections of the textbook, *The Profession and Practice of Horticultural Therapy,* and a literature review of journal articles. Details of what to read and complete before class will be emailed to enrolled students beginning in early fall. Additional assignments will be given in class to be submitted to the instructor and discussed during the four-day class meeting.

What topics will be covered in the class?
This course introduces the profession and practice of horticultural therapy. The types of programs utilizing horticultural therapy as well as the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical goals for the varied people served are considered. Students review and discuss professional literature in the field and are exposed to resources for further exploration as well as to professionals in the field. For learning objectives, go to:
https://www.htinstitute.org/fundamentals-of-horticultural-therapy/

Can the class be taken for college credit?
Yes. The Horticultural Therapy Institute partners with Colorado State University to offer college credit for all the certificate classes. *Fundamentals* is two semester credits.

What is your vaccination policy?
HTI requests that you be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 before attending any face-to-face classes.

We look forward to meeting new students and continuing to provide a model curriculum, real-life projects, experienced instructors, and a path for students to practice the effective and timely modality of horticultural therapy. To enroll go to: https://www.htinstitute.org/student-enrollment/

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