West Central High School
Green Certificate Program

The Green Certificate Program is an off-campus program that provides students opportunities to align agricultural passions with their studies. Students select a specialization & learn on the job, under the direction of their chosen trainer while earning credits towards their High School Diploma. Students can earn up to 16 grade 12 credits while enrolled in Green Certificate.

What is in it for me?

- Earn up to 16 grade-twelve diploma credits per specialization completed
- Have fun learning more about agriculture in a practical, hands-on environment
- Increase your knowledge and skill level and gain valuable work experience
- Explore career options in the agriculture industry
- Earn recognition & credits towards your high school completion for what you can already do on the farm
- Learn more about crops or animals, agriculture, machinery and farming operations
- Include the experience and training on your resume and add the certificate of completion to your portfolio.

How much does it cost?

As of September 2017, this program is FREE

What do I do?

Trainees must select one of the specializations and under the guidance of their trainer who must be experienced and knowledgeable in the specialization, work towards mastering all skills within their training program:

- Bee Keeper Production Technician
- Cow–Calf Beef Production Technician
- Dairy Production Technician
- Equine Technician
- Feedlot Beef Production Technician
- Field Crop Production Technician
- Greenhouse Technician
- Irrigated Field Crop Production Technician
- Poultry Production Technician (Broiler Chicken, Broiler Hatching Egg, Table Egg, and Turkey)
- Sheep Production Technician

- Swine Production Technician

The required outcomes for each specialization are structured as three courses for a total of 16 credits. The first course in each specialization is offered for 6 credits and the other two courses are offered for 5 credits each. For each specialization, local, seasonal and other factors will determine the order of delivering the three courses and they do not require sequential testing. Testing dates occur throughout the semester & students are expected to test at least once each year.

Trainee	Trainer
• Develop a training plan with your trainer • Train on all the skills in the book • Search out additional resources with your trainer to complete all skills (workshops, other producers, agri-businesses) • Perform an on-farm test of skill competencies • Communicate regularly with your school representative on your progress • Attend regional training days when offered by your regional coordinator • Attend the certification test at a regional test center when scheduled • Turn in the test report forms to your school representative to receive your credits • If incomplete, develop a further training plan with your trainer	• Provide a work site with conditions that support the trainee's learning • Develop a training plan with your trainee • Mentor trainee on all skills • Use the workbook as a training guide to develop best management practices • Encourage and support finding additional resources • Administer an on-farm test with the trainee, signing off on the skill profile sheet, where competency has been achieved • Support the trainee's attendance at a regional certification tests • Communicate with the school representative on the trainee's progress

How long does it take to complete the Green Certificate Program?

- In general, it takes about one year to achieve completion. In one year, the trainee will experience all of the seasons on a farming operation. Trainees are allowed up to three years to complete their training, if needed.

How do I enroll in the Green Certificate Program?

- Students must complete the Workplace Safety Course prior to enrolling in Green Certificate.
- Upon successful completion, the student will receive credit for HCS3000, HCS3010 & AGR3000.
- Students must be at least 15 years of age and enrolled in grades 10, 11 or 12 at West Central High School

For more information or to sign-up please contact Tracy Knopp at Tracy.Knopp@wrsd.ca