

Adult & Continuing EDUCATION | Values for Learning in Community at The North Carolina Arboretum

Community Values

- **Learning** is a lifelong creative endeavor.
- **Making connections** between people, plants, and places is vital to understanding impact.
- **Responsibly engaging** encourages us to embrace opportunities, as well as reflect on our impact and actions.
- **Participating** extends to sparking curiosity, sharing information, taking action and committing to stewardship.

A Commitment to Participate

1. Understand and strive to follow the Adult Education Community Values.
2. Conduct themselves in a manner that helps enhance an environment of learning in which the rights, dignity, worth, and freedom of each member of the community are respected.
3. Maintain civility and courtesy as we find ways of reconnecting to self and others in times of extreme stress in our collective experience.
4. Maintain honesty and integrity in their coursework and program participation.

Best Practices for Learning in Adult Education at the Arboretum

We encourage you to embrace the following:

Be somewhat tech-savvy. You'll need to know how to operate your device, some kind of word software (Microsoft Word, Google Docs, etc.), and how to use your camera, and engage in online discussion through Zoom or the Schoology platform.

Be self motivated and flexible, committed to learning through a variety of learning platforms in use through the Arboretum's Education Department.

Expect the same variety of work online as you would face-to-face. Online courses deliver a mix of essays, assignments and group discussions. Depending on the course, you may work together with other students in groups, participate in peer review, or debate a variety of topics on the discussion boards.

Participate in creating a collaborative, interactive and experiential learning environment.

Show up online and/or in person. This means committing to attend and be fully present for in-person experiences. This means keeping your video on as much as you're feeling it during class meetings held live online. Bring your curiosity and questions! Work with us to create an interactive learning community!