



HERBACULTURE

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

FAQs

What qualifications do I need to have?

Because this is a very physically demanding program with production fieldwork and an intense schedule of classes you need to be both physically and mentally fit. Some experience in production work or organic farming is useful. We do ask for some demonstration of a sincere interest in herbalism.

What is the level of the formal instruction?

This program is primarily a short course in the cultivation, science, and use of medicinal herbs. Your work and classes will range from beginner to advanced; the unique combination of topics and experiences make this a valuable opportunity for students from many backgrounds and career paths. Although we are not accredited, some colleges have accepted our program for credit. We will be happy to work with your school to facilitate a practicum, internship or apprenticeship program.

Can I come late or leave early?

Our Herbaculture Program is a synergistic experience and requires - start to finish - participation from all of the students.

Can I apply for the Spring Session and stay for the other two sessions?

No.

Can I get a job or volunteer at the farm after my session ends?

On rare occasions, opportunities do arise; however, you should not plan on this.

What do most of your students do afterwards?

There is an array of career opportunities available for students in production and use of botanical medicines. Past students have gone on to other herbal program, naturopathic or medical schools, into midwifery, advanced plant sciences, Agroecology and conservation of at-risk plants, herb farming, landscape horticulture, massage therapy and community service.

Do I need a car?

No, but without one you will only have access to the Williams general store and be dependent on others if you wish to go to "town".

Can I take other classes, work or participate in other programs while I am at HP?

No, you should not plan on any other commitments. The combination of field work, program classes with time for reflection and rest makes for a full schedule.

What computer access will I have?

The library has two PCs and WIFI

What is the difference between the sessions?

Spring and fall can be wet and cold; summer can be very hot and dry. All sessions include planting, cultivating, harvest and some herb processing such as drying, garbling and cleaning, as well as landscape work such as weeding, transplanting and pruning.

My partner and I both want to apply, can we do so together?

While you are welcome to apply together, each application is considered independently; and, you will be asked to indicate whether or not you would accept the position alone.

Do you accept international applications?

Yes, if you can arrange for the appropriate visa.

What is the nearest town for shopping?

The town of Williams, which is 2.5 miles from the farm, has a General Store with a good selection of whole, natural and organic foods. There is also a Farmer's Market during the summer months. Grants Pass and Medford are 20-30 minutes away and Ashland, a favorite shopping and entertainment trip, an hour's distance.