

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

The Sustainable Agriculture program has been training new farmers and local food system entrepreneurs since 2002. The on-campus, certified organic farm serves as a "living laboratory" where students can implement what they have learned in the classroom and enhance technical skills needed for successful farm operations. The farm operates year-round, providing students with the opportunity to participate in and be prepared for the real-time challenges and rewards of organic food production. The program prepares students for work in a variety of food and sustainability fields, including farm management, advocacy and education, and work in wholesale and retail produce.



POSSIBLE JOB TITLES:

- Food Entrepreneur
- Agricultural/Food Science Technician
- Organic Farmer
- Agriculture Research Technician
- Farmer's Market Manager
- Food/Nutritional Entrepreneur

MEDIAN SALARY:

\$41,230 annually (Agricultural/Food Science Technician)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CLUSTER WEBSITE:

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/home.htm>

JOB PLACEMENT OF RECENT GRADUATES OF THIS PROGRAM:

- East Branch Ginger- specialty greenhouse
- Biltmore Estate Gardens
- Country Farm and Home
- Whole Foods

SKILLS/APTITUDES NEEDED FOR PROGRAM:

- Social Media Communication Skills
- Physical Strength and Endurance
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather



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DEGREE(S)

Associate in Applied Science in Sustainable Agriculture (A15410; CMC; Day) – 5 semesters (summer included)

DIPLOMA(S)

None

CERTIFICATE(S)

Certificate in: *Agricultural Sustainability* (C1541010); *Sustainable Livestock Systems* (C1541020); *Sustainable Vegetable Production* (C1541030); Short term: Organic Crop Production

TRANSFER OPTIONS

Yes – University of North Carolina System (Contact the program lead below to discuss transfer options further.)

ADDITIONAL COSTS OF PROGRAM

None

STATE LICENSURE/EXAMS/INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

None

ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS PROCESS

None

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