

FCHP Online Prep Course

Magnolia Grex & Associates is an <u>FNGLA approved training provider</u> offering courses specifically designed to prepare individuals for the FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional (FCHP) exam. Our 16-lesson asynchronous course is entirely online and has no set meeting times or days. This allows participants to establish their own schedule in terms of when they choose to work on lessons. However, participants are expected to commit to and maintain an independent study schedule to complete the course within a 16-week term.

As a bonus, a Green Industry Best Management Practices (GI-BMP) certificate can be received once a participant passes the FNGLA administered horticulture certification exam. The GI-BMP certificate complies with the requirements necessary to seek a commercial fertilizer applicator license.

Certification Authority

<u>FNGLA</u> is the authority for exam administration and for issuing professional certification credentials. The FCHP certification is recognized by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, all five water management districts in the state, and many Florida agencies and municipalities.

Course Fee and Schedule

The online prep course fee is *\$299 per person*. New course sessions start each *week*; hence participants will be enrolled on the first *Monday* following registration. New lesson assignments are provided weekly to keep pace with the 16-week schedule. However, participants can progress faster upon request. Group discounts may be available to assist businesses conducting training onsite.

Instructor Presence

Online participants have direct access to the instructor if they have questions or need assistance with learning. A response can be expected within 24 hours on business days to help participants achieve successful outcomes.

Course Manual

This course requires <u>The Horticulture Professional</u> from FNGLA as a text. It is best to have the text before registering for the course so that studies can start as scheduled.

The text is presently \$120 for FNGLA members or their employees and \$170 for nonmembers, plus tax and \$15 shipping (subject to change). If needed, please call FNGLA at 800-375-3642 or order the book online.

Certification Exam

At the end of the FCHP online prep course, participants will be given instructions on how to register for the official examination with FNGLA. Exam fees are <u>payable to FNGLA</u> and currently are \$90 for FNGLA members or their employees and \$140 for nonmembers.

Course Content

Participants are encouraged to set aside at least <u>6 hours each week</u> to read the text, view the online lesson, complete additional lesson assignments, study plant identification and take practice quizzes. The 16 weekly lessons coincide with the latest edition of the FCHP Manual (<u>The Horticulture Professional</u>). The online lessons include

- 30 to 45 minutes of interactive online content;
- study and time management tips for the adult learner;
- instructions for marking the text for the Open Book exam section;
- interactive practical application problems;
- study questions for more in-depth learning;
- hints for exam success; and
- online practice quizzes.

Practice Problems and Quizzes

Practical application problems and quizzes at the end of each lesson mimic the FCHP exam in terms of the number or type of questions and the time allotted for each exam section. They are designed to help participants overcome test anxiety, personally evaluate accumulated knowledge, and provide an opportunity to develop confidence in taking an online exam. Participants can review previous lessons, rework practice problems, or retake practice quizzes as often as desired.

Plant Identification

The online course does NOT cover identification of all the individual plants on the official FNGLA list, since they are different for each region of the state. However, it does cover the plant ID process and provides study tips for learning the identification of plants required by FNGLA. A practice plant identification quiz is provided to help participants understand the format of and prepare for this segment of the exam.

Prep Course Registration

Registration for the FCHP online prep course is available at www.magnoliagrex.com at the bottom of the Online Courses page. Use the "Register Now" button to start the process, then complete the transaction with your credit card or debit card through our secure payment gateway.

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We are happy to accommodate other billing requirements by allowing payment through use of a purchase order or by providing an invoice for payment by check. Please email info@magnoliagrex.com if we can be of further assistance. We are proud to help you or your employees attain FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional credentials.

