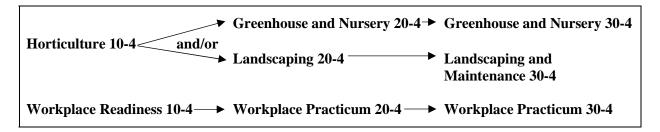
KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY HORTICULTURE

COURSE SEQUENCE



Knowledge and Employability 10-level courses provide opportunities for *exploration* of, and *orientation* toward, an occupational grouping in a single career field. In 20-level courses, students progress from *orientation* toward *preparation*; and in 30-level courses, students are involved in *preparation* for direct job entry.

Horticulture is the science or art of growing and maintaining fruits, vegetables, flowers and ornamental plants. Horticulture encompasses many different career paths with entry-level opportunities in each horticultural field. Entry-level jobs are usually available in most communities. Some involve full-time work and others involve seasonal outdoor work. For all of these horticultural jobs, students will need to know the basics of growing plants.

- All courses focus on developing career awareness, safety standards and knowledge of tools, equipment and materials related to the industry.
- Horticulture 10-4 provides a basis for, and an introduction to, Greenhouse and Nursery 20-4 and Landscaping 20-4.

- Greenhouse and Nursery 20-4 and 30-4 focus on planting and caring for a variety of plants.
- Landscaping 20-4 and Landscaping and Maintenance 30-4 focus on the creation and maintenance of a landscape environment.
- Students interested in horticulture should be encouraged to take both courses at the 20 and 30 levels.
- A related Workplace Practicum or Work Experience course is recommended to further enhance employability and occupational skills and to adequately prepare students for entry into the work force. In senior high school, a 30-level Workplace Practicum course, 30-level Work Experience course or 30-level Green Certificate course is required to fulfill the requirements of a Certificate of High School Achievement. Workplace practicums are supportive work placements in a related field that will allow students to validate their learning in the workplace.

COURSE DELIVERY

This Knowledge and Employability occupational strand includes two sequences of 5-credit courses. Students progress through the courses in a sequence and may combine courses across sequences to increase the depth of their knowledge.

The 10-level course is a prerequisite for both of the 20-level courses within the strand. The 20-level course in each sequence is a prerequisite for the 30-level course in that sequence.

The occupational courses may be offered in a variety of learning environments that range from a classroom in a school to a business/industry work site. The courses offer a balance between school-based and work-based learning that provides options for students to enter the workplace or to pursue post-secondary education or training.

GOALS

Students in Knowledge and Employability occupational courses will:

- identify standards determined by the workplace for the academic and occupational competencies considered necessary for success
- demonstrate practical applications through on- and off-campus experiences/community partnerships
- experience career development to assist them in exploring careers, assessing their career skills and developing a career-focused portfolio
- develop interpersonal skills to ensure respect, support and cooperation with others
- develop safety awareness and habits to ensure a safe working environment.

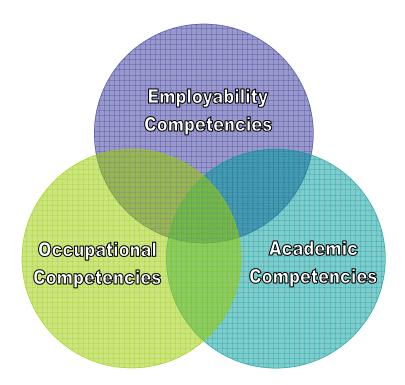
COMPETENCIES FRAMEWORK

Each Knowledge and Employability occupational course is made up of three elements: employability, occupational and academic competencies. The combination of these three elements is essential to the delivery of the occupational courses.

- Employability competencies are transferable to all occupations and are consistent throughout all courses.
- Occupational competencies are specific to an occupational area and provide the context through which students will develop their employability competencies.
- Academic competencies are to be reinforced and further developed through the occupational context that provides relevance to the academic courses.

The integration of the three elements is essential to equip students to make the transition from school to the workplace.

KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY OCCUPATIONAL COURSES COMPETENCIES FRAMEWORK



HORTICULTURE 10-4 GENERAL OUTCOMES

Employability Competencies	Students will develop these competencies throughout the learning process and demonstrate them in daily life and the workplace.
Managing Transitions	 Students will develop an awareness of how learning contributes to personal success. Students will develop an ability to manage change effectively. Students will explore and discover personal aptitudes and interests related to occupational opportunities.
Personal Management	 Students will develop self-esteem, confidence and the ability to set personal goals and priorities. Students will identify and understand the risks associated with occupational activities.
Working with Others	 Students will develop communication skills and strategies in an occupational context. Students will demonstrate respect for the thoughts and opinions of others in the group. Students will demonstrate positive effort and behaviour toward achieving a group's goals.
Occupational Competencies	Students will develop and demonstrate the following competencies to succeed in a specific occupation or career.
Achieving Results	 Students will explore a variety of occupations within a horticulture career environment. Students will develop safe workplace practices and procedures. Students will be introduced to technology to develop a high-quality product or service. Students will familiarize themselves with a variety of plants. Students will identify the different plant parts and their functions. Students will develop an understanding of the propagation process. Students will grow a variety of plants.
Ensuring Quality	• Students will develop an understanding of the value of effective task management processes by applying knowledge and skills to simulated and actual work situations.
Academic Competencies	Students will continue to develop these minimum academic competencies that provide a foundation for further learning.
Communication	• Students will enhance their ability to listen, speak, read and write effectively.
Thinking	Students will develop problem-solving strategies.
Numeracy	• Students will understand the value of numeracy skills in the workplace.
Information Technology	• Students will familiarize themselves with the information technology used in daily workplace operation.

HORTICULTURE 10-4



EMPLOYABILITY COMPETENCIES: These competencies are developed throughout the learning process and are demonstrated in daily life and the workplace. Students will develop and demonstrate these competencies through individual effort and interpersonal interaction while completing a variety of projects/activities.

MANAGING TRANSITIONS

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will develop an awareness of how learning contributes to personal success.	 Lifelong Learning Students will: identify learning preferences and strengths and apply learning styles and strategies appropriate to the situation set learning goals and identify how formal/informal learning can help them achieve goals develop an awareness of senior high school courses and work experience and identify educational possibilities; e.g., Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), Green Certificate, Career and Technology Studies (CTS) and Career Internship.
Students will develop an ability to manage change effectively.	 Adapting to Change Students will: identify available support resources and assess potential barriers prepare an action plan to proactively respond to a particular change or challenge.
Students will explore and discover personal aptitudes and interests related to occupational opportunities.	 Career Development Students will: create an inventory of personal competencies, interests, goals and work preferences and link this inventory to career options identify sources of support for investigating and finding work; e.g., Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS) Web site describe how work contributes to individual goals explore the workplace through community partnerships and identify employer and employee expectations, rights and responsibilities.

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will develop self-esteem, confidence and the ability to set personal goals and priorities.	 Self-development Students will: identify personal characteristics, strengths and talents and establish an action plan to build on them recognize the use of strengths and talents to achieve goals identify acceptable and appropriate behaviours and present themselves to suit an activity or role; e.g., body language, grooming, clothing, manners describe personal beliefs about what is right and wrong and assess the consequences of ethical/unethical behaviours.
Students will identify and understand the risks associated with occupational activities.	 Risk Management Students will: identify current health and safety procedures; e.g., at home, at school, in the community and in the workplace identify risks that could impact themselves and others and identify hazards in the work environment; e.g., chemical, physical, biological and ergonomic identify a potential emergency situation and develop strategies for personal emergency responses identify sources of support when taking risks in their personal lives and in the workplace; e.g., entrepreneurship.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

Students will develop communication skills and strategies in an occupational context.

Interpersonal Communication

Students will:

- demonstrate appropriate communication strategies for communicating thoughts and feelings; e.g.,
 - listen without interrupting
 - contribute to be heard
 - disagree courteously
 - accept conflicting opinions
 - use appropriate language and body language
- develop awareness of verbal and nonverbal communication strategies
- improve their ability to communicate by working with others
- communicate common goals and expectations to improve their team's ability to achieve goals
- identify causes of conflict.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will	Building Community
demonstrate respect for the thoughts and	Students will:
opinions of others in	 identify commonly accepted courteous behaviour
the group.	 assess and respect how their personal values and beliefs differ from those of others and how those beliefs impact personal behaviour
	• identify the value of volunteering in community activities; e.g., charity work, community car wash.
Students will	Teamwork
demonstrate positive effort and behaviour	Students will:
toward achieving a	 identify team goals
group's goals.	• work independently and with others to support team goals; e.g.,
	– generate ideas
	 assess resources
	 contribute abilities and interests
	 monitor progress
	 monitor progress share responsibility for completion of a task establish short- and long-term team goals.



OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES: Students will develop and demonstrate the following competencies to succeed in a specific occupation or career. They will achieve results through a variety of projects/activities as appropriate to enhance their knowledge and skills. Students will ensure the quality of their work through effective task management and will highlight their achievements in a career-based portfolio.

ACHIEVING RESULTS

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will explore a variety of occupations within a horticulture career environment.	Specific Outcomes Career Awareness Career Awareness Exploration Students will: • research different occupational specializations within the horticulture field; e.g., greenhouses nurseries landscaping garden centres grounds maintenance florist shops market gardening • identify local opportunities within a career field • define and recognize entrepreneurship as a potential career path • research employment information; e.g., duties, working conditions, personal characteristics, education, salary • inventory personal competencies, interests, goals and work preferences and link this inventory to career options • investigate the workplace through community partnerships; e.g., identify employer and employee expectations, rights and responsibilities
	 describe how work contributes to individual goals. Standards Students will: identify workplace protocols, procedures and standards of conduct; e.g., clean the entire work area, return tools to designated areas, minimize the waste of materials identify related health and sanitation standards display punctuality and come prepared for classroom and laboratory activities treat the laboratory area with care and with attention to potential workplace health and safety risks

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
	 treat other members of the team with respect use appropriate language and terminology wear appropriate dress.
Students will develop safe workplace	Workplace Health and Safety
practices and procedures.	 Students will: identify and demonstrate preventive measures to avoid accidents and injury to themselves and others during horticulture procedures; e.g., identify safety device locations in the laboratory or classroom; e.g., eyewash station, emergency shut-off, fire extinguisher, emergency exits, telephone demonstrate the correct procedures for addressing injuries identify the proper use of tools with regard to other classmates and laboratory conditions identify personal protective equipment (PPE); e.g., coveralls, proper eyewear, proper footwear demonstrate proper body position while at a work station maintain a safe and clean work area identify and practise the safe use of electrical equipment demonstrate an understanding of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) as it relates to the field of study and identify WHMIS symbols, classes and labelling requirements recognize health and safety hazards associated with horticulture procedures identify important standards (codes) and governing bodies in the horticulture industry.
Students will be introduced to	Products and Service
technology to develop a high-quality product or service.	 Technology Integration Students will: explore new and emerging products and technological advances used in horticulture.
	Tools and Equipment
	 Students will: identify common hand tools used in horticulture-related duties; e.g., shovels, rakes, pruners, dibbers, cultivators identify common power equipment used in horticulture-related activities identify the proper care, cleaning and maintenance of tools and equipment.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
	Materials (growing media)
	 Students will: identify growing media used to support plant growth; e.g., soil, such as black loam sand peat moss clay perlite vermiculite recognize the texture of different soil types identify the drainage characteristics of different soil types identify soilless mixes and their composition explain the advantages of various modifiers. Providing Service
	 Students will: identify client relationships or interactions within the field of horticulture identify services needed, required or provided collect necessary information to complete a purchase or fill out a work order identify the importance of customer or client service to all businesses/industries identify professional practices and work habits strive to meet and exceed the client's expectations.
Students will familiarize themselves	Plant Identification
with a variety of plants.	 Students will: identify the characteristics and uses of plant groupings; i.e., annuals; e.g., pansy petunia marigold geranium impatiens perennials; e.g., herbaceous woody (trees, shrubs, evergreens) weeds; e.g., chickweed dandelion quack grass sow thistle

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
	 interior plants; e.g., spider plant ivy fig demonstrate manual control of weeds through pulling, hoeing and cultivating use catalogues and other publications to categorize a variety of plants.
Students will identify the different plant parts and their functions.	 Plant Parts and Their Functions Students will: identify and describe the basic function of each plant part; e.g., roots stems leaves flowers fruits seeds.
Students will develop an understanding of the propagation process.	 Propagation Students will: outline the basic practices of reproducing plants; e.g., cutting: practise taking cuttings of different plants compare root development of cuttings in various media seeding: interpret planting instructions demonstrate proper seeding techniques maintain the seeds until germination.
Students will grow a variety of plants.	 Growing Plants Students will: identify the conditions necessary for plant growth; e.g., light air water temperature nutrition space demonstrate the effects of eliminating one or more conditions required for plant growth identify the materials needed for transplanting and potting plants; e.g., soil containers dibbers demonstrate transplanting and potting techniques identify appropriate pot sizes.

ENSURING QUALITY

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will develop an understanding of the value of effective task management processes by applying knowledge and skills to simulated and actual work situations.	Task Management Outcomes Students will: • read and/or listen to instructions • ask questions to clarify expected outcomes, procedures and timelines. Decision Making Students will:
	 identify the parameters of the task generate and review alternative ideas and their consequences make a decision or select an idea.
	Planning

Students will:

- identify the steps involved in managing a project
- prepare a sample project plan, including budget and timeline
- identify available tools, equipment and materials.

Performance Standards

Students will:

- identify expected standards for a product or service
- ensure a product or service meets expected standards and timelines.

Evaluation

Students will:

- identify opportunities for improving quality
- establish expectations and measures for improvements
- create evidence to support an understanding of task management and skill development for inclusion in a personal portfolio.



ACADEMIC COMPETENCIES: These are the minimum academic competencies that provide a foundation for further learning. The following outcomes are provided as a reminder to address these academic competencies within the occupational context and to reinforce cross-curricular connections.

COMMUNICATION

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will enhance their ability to listen, speak, read and write effectively.	 Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing Students will: read, view and interpret information presented in a variety of forms, including text, videos, graphs, charts, diagrams, manuals identify a purpose for writing print or write legibly, spell accurately and apply rules of grammar to construct text listen and ask questions to expand information and to appreciate the points of view of others.

THINKING

Students will develop problem-solving	Problem Solving
strategies.	Students will:
	• identify and define, and ask relevant questions to clarify, the problem
	• evaluate the results in terms of expected outcomes.

NUMERACY

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will understand the value of numeracy skills in the workplace.	 Basic Operations, Patterns and Relationships, Shape and Space, and Statistics and Probability Students will: apply arithmetic operations, e.g., addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, to whole numbers and decimals and use number operations when creating and solving money problems use calculators or computers, to perform calculations involving large and small numbers, when solving problems apply concepts of rate, ratio, percentage and proportion to solve problems in a meaningful context
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General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
	 demonstrate a number sense for whole numbers 0 to 100 000 and explore proper fractions and decimals estimate, measure and compare, using decimal numbers and standard units of measure, to solve problems in everyday contexts; e.g., mass, length, volume, time, perimeter, surface area use metric and imperial units of measure.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Students will familiarize	Computer Operations
themselves with the	Students will:
information	• identify the most appropriate technology tool for the task; e.g., fax, e-mail,
technology used in	networks, telephone
daily workplace	• identify appropriate telephone operations, answer telephone calls
operation.	appropriately, locate numbers and make telephone calls
	• identify basic computer operations; e.g.,
	 use basic keyboarding skills
	 store, organize and retrieve information correctly
	 locate and select information and ideas using appropriate technology
	and information systems; e.g., Internet
	 access, send and retrieve e-mail and attachments
	• identify procedures for connecting and using audio, video and digital equipment

- identify procedures for sending and receiving faxes and setting up a fax machine
- identify procedures for copying and printing documents.

GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY 20-4 GENERAL OUTCOMES

Employability Competencies	Students will develop these competencies throughout the learning process and demonstrate them in daily life and the workplace.
Managing Transitions	 Students will apply their abilities and interests toward achieving learning goals. Students will practise the skills and abilities needed to manage change. Students will orient themselves toward an occupation that reflects their personal aptitudes and interests.
Personal Management	 Students will increase their self-esteem and confidence and enhance their ability to set personal goals and priorities. Students will understand risks and be accountable for their actions.
Working with Others	 Students will practise effective communication skills and strategies in an occupational context. Students will demonstrate the ability to understand and work within the culture of a group. Students will plan and make decisions with others.
Occupational Competencies	Students will develop and demonstrate the following competencies to succeed in a specific occupation or career.
Achieving Results	 Students will orient themselves toward an occupation within a greenhouse and nursery career environment. Students will demonstrate safe workplace practices and procedures. Students will develop an increased awareness of technology to develop a high-quality product or service. Students will identify a variety of plants. Students will develop an understanding of botany. Students will develop an understanding of the importance of soils and different media. Students will develop an understanding of the importance of fertilizer in the growth process. Students will recognize the procedures for plant growth and the mass production of plant material. Students will develop an understanding of floral design and arrangements.
Ensuring Quality	• Students will continue to develop an understanding of the value of effective task management processes by applying knowledge and skills to simulated and actual work situations.
Academic	Students will continue to develop these minimum academic competencies
Competencies Communication	 that provide a foundation for further learning. Students will demonstrate effective listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.
Thinking	• Students will apply creative thinking skills to solve problems.
Numeracy	• Students will apply mathematical concepts to solve occupational problems.
Information Technology	• Students will enhance their performance by using information technology to help complete tasks.

GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY 20-4



EMPLOYABILITY COMPETENCIES: These competencies are developed throughout the learning process and are demonstrated in daily life and the workplace. Students will develop and demonstrate these competencies through individual effort and interpersonal interaction while completing a variety of projects/activities.

MANAGING TRANSITIONS

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will apply their abilities and interests toward achieving learning goals.	 Lifelong Learning Students will: relate learning preferences and strengths to formal and informal learning opportunities and identify post-secondary opportunities within the related field assess learning goals and current competencies, identify competencies needing development and identify and prioritize learning goals create a pathway of senior high school courses to reflect learning goals identify educational possibilities; e.g., Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), Green Certificate, Career and Technology Studies (CTS) and Career Internship.
Students will practise the skills and abilities needed to manage change.	 Adapting to Change Students will: identify goals, responsibilities and commitments assess and reflect on the success of an action plan; e.g., create alternative choices to deal with unexpected change identify stressors in personal environments that they can and cannot change identify the need for personal support and create an inventory of available personal and community sources of support.
Students will orient themselves toward an occupation that reflects their personal aptitudes and interests.	 Career Development Students will: assess work preferences and nonpreferences (e.g., indoor, outdoor, shift work) assess life/work options and outline career goals and paths work in and seek out a variety of roles and responsibilities measure and celebrate personal contributions to workplace goals; e.g., paid, unpaid or volunteer work orient themselves to the workplace through community partnerships and assess personal performance in terms of workplace expectations.

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will increase their self-esteem and confidence and enhance their ability to set personal goals and priorities.	 Self-development Students will: re-evaluate an action plan to develop strengths and talents use strengths and talents to achieve personal goals clarify acceptable and appropriate behaviours for specific activities and roles act ethically in personal, community and workplace contexts and accept the consequences of their actions.
Students will understand risks and be accountable for their actions.	 Risk Management Students will: follow health and safety procedures; e.g., at home, at school, in the community and in the workplace identify potential hazards, take corrective action and develop and practise action plans to ensure safety practise personal emergency responses assess their comfort level with, and the consequences of, taking risks.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

Students will practise effective	Interpersonal Communication
communication skills and strategies in an occupational context.	 Students will: assess the effectiveness of communication strategies used to communicate thoughts and feelings; e.g., listen without interrupting contribute to be heard disagree courteously accept conflicting opinions use appropriate body language assess verbal and nonverbal communication strategies apply social norms to build specific relationships demonstrate the ability to accept praise and/or criticism.
Students will demonstrate the ability to understand and work within the culture of a group.	 Building Community Students will: interact with others in a courteous manner accommodate the beliefs of others in work and personal environments and show respect for differences in beliefs, abilities, etiquette and styles of interaction identify opportunities for participation in community growth.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will plan and make decisions with others.	Teamwork Students will: • participate effectively as group members; e.g., - generate ideas - assess resources - contribute abilities and interests - monitor progress - share responsibility for completion of a task
	assume various roles within a group; e.g., leadershipclarify the expected outcomes of teamwork.



OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES: Students will develop and demonstrate the following competencies to succeed in a specific occupation or career. They will achieve results through a variety of projects/activities as appropriate to enhance their knowledge and skills. Students will ensure the quality of their work through effective task management and will highlight their achievements in a career-based portfolio.

ACHIEVING RESULTS

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will orient themselves toward an occupation within a greenhouse and nursery career environment.	Career Awareness Orientation Students will: identify entry-level competencies identify post-secondary opportunities recognize entrepreneurial opportunities within the industry introduce themselves to local business/industry operations match their personal interests to their job search; e.g., – identify sources of support for investigating and finding work – describe entry-level requirements – recognize potential career ladders.
	Standards Students will: • develop workplace protocols, procedures and standards of conduct; e.g., - demonstrate appropriate work habits - use safe and sanitary practices - demonstrate pride in themselves - demonstrate pride in their work performance - show respect for others - respect the property of others.
Students will demonstrate safe workplace practices and procedures.	 Workplace Health and Safety Students will: identify safety device locations and procedures within the workplace environment identify government regulatory bodies that support a safe workplace demonstrate knowledge of, and the ability to access information about, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB)

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
	 demonstrate knowledge of, and adherence to, safety rules that are specific to available tools, equipment and materials demonstrate knowledge of health hazards associated with the use of chemicals and materials and retrieve information on Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) using appropriate print and Internet resources select and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate to the specific task demonstrate knowledge of environmental issues relating to the procedures for handling hazardous waste demonstrate an understanding of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) as it relates to the field of study and identify WHMIS symbols, classes and labelling requirements identify hazards within the greenhouse environment; e.g., tools, pesticides, fertilizers, electrical, heating, equipment.
Students will develop an increased	Products and Service
awareness of	Technology Integration
technology to develop a high-quality product or service.	Students will:identify new and emerging products and technological advances used in greenhouses and nurseries.
	Tools, Equipment and Materials
	 Students will: identify and safely use common hand and power tools and equipment used in greenhouses and nurseries handle and dispose of, properly, environmentally hazardous materials used in greenhouses and nurseries; e.g., reread Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) read publications on the safe handling of toxic substances within the greenhouse read labels on chemical containers to check their uses and hazards.
	Providing Service
	 Students will: identify client relationships or interactions within the field of greenhouses and nurseries identify services needed, required or provided collect necessary information to complete a purchase or fill out a work order recognize the importance of customer or client service to all businesses/industries demonstrate professional practices and work habits strive to meet and exceed the client's expectations.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will identify a variety of plants.	 Plant Identification Students will: name and discuss characteristics of plants from each category; e.g., annuals
	 perennials seasonal flowers house plants recognize annuals that are produced from seeds or cuttings.
Students will develop an understanding of	Plant Parts and Functions
an understanding of botany.	 Students will: identify the parts of a plant and provide a mounted plant specimen, showing: roots stems leaves flowers seeds fruits identify the different types of each plant part; i.e., root: fibrous, rhizome, tap stems: bulbs, corms, tubers leaves: simple, compound, needle flowers: perfect, imperfect seeds: varieties/diversity fruits: varieties/diversity explain the function of each plant part identify plant processes; i.e., photosynthesis respiration transpiration tropism.
Students will develop an understanding of	Growing Media
the importance of soils and different	Types of Natural Soils
media.	<i>Students will:</i>identify the characteristics of common soil types; e.g.,
	 drainage water-holding capacity pH salinity (EC)
	• analyze soil and identify the amendments required for a specific crop.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
	Soilless Media
	 Students will: identify the ingredients required for each type of professional mix; e.g., seeding propagation basket potting general compost test for soil pH; e.g., acidity, alkalinity observe the changes in pH of a soil sample using various substances; e.g., lemon juice sulphur lime test the water-holding capacity of various soilless mixes determine the use of each type of modifier.
Students will develop an understanding of the importance of fertilizer in the growth process.	 Fertilizer Major Elements Students will: identify the function of the major elements of fertilizer; e.g., nitrogen (N) phosphorus (P) potassium (K) identify the symptoms of various nutrient deficiencies identify the differences between fertilizer types; e.g., soluble granular slow release.
Students will recognize the procedures for plant growth and the mass production of plant material	Plant Growth/Plant Production Growth Needs Students will:
material.	 determine the requirements for specific crops; e.g., air light water temperature nutrition demonstrate the techniques required to pot and transplant plants modify the soils provided so each mix will suit a specific plant type

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
	 identify plant management procedures to ensure plant growth; e.g., watering fertilizer pruning environmental factors.
	Plant Problems
	 Students will: identify symptoms of plant health problems, including: diseases insect pests cultural environmental identify procedures for managing plant problems.
	Propagation
	 Students will: demonstrate the propagation of plants, using asexual techniques, e.g., cutting, division, layering, and sexual techniques; e.g., seed recognize the propagation techniques for commercial plant production.
Students will develop an understanding of	Floral Design
floral design and arrangements.	 Students will: identify tools and materials for making a basic floral arrangement demonstrate techniques for making arrangements; e.g., bud vase rose bowl identify various common plant materials used in fresh floral arrangements.

ENSURING QUALITY

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will continue to develop	Task Management
an understanding of the value of effective	Outcomes Students will:
task management processes by applying knowledge and skills	 read or listen to instructions ask questions to clarify expected outcomes, procedures and timelines.
to simulated and actual work situations.	Decision Making
	 Students will: identify the parameters of the task generate and review alternative ideas and their consequences make a decision or select an idea.
	Planning
	 Students will: identify the steps involved in managing a project prepare a sample project plan, including budget and timeline identify available tools, equipment and materials.
	Performance Standards
	 Students will: identify expected standards for a product or service ensure a product or service meets the expected standards and timelines.
	Evaluation
	 Students will: identify opportunities for improving quality establish expectations and measures for improvements

• create evidence to support an understanding of task management and skill development for inclusion in a personal portfolio.



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COMMUNICATION

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will demonstrate effective listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.	 Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing Students will: read, view and interpret occupation-related materials; e.g., use related occupational terms identify occupation-related literature interpret and follow written instructions select and create a text format to suit a purpose and audience, e.g., forms, letters, reports, memos, résumé, and: describe uses of writing skills in related occupations write a letter of inquiry write a letter of thanks complete job applications listen and present information in a clear, concise manner; e.g., listen attentively to organize and classify information and ideas organize main ideas and key messages with clarity.
THINKING	

THINKING

Students will apply creative thinking	Problem Solving, Decision Making and Creative Thinking
skills to solve	Students will:
problems.	• apply a problem-solving model to identify the problem/issue
	• identify appropriate actions and develop several alternatives for each

- promising idea
 evaluate the results, in terms of expected outcomes related to the initial problem, and evaluate personal satisfaction with the outcome of the idea; e.g., product/process.

NUMERACY

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will apply mathematical concepts to solve	Basic Operations, Patterns and Relationships, Shape and Space, and Statistics and Probability
occupational	Students will:
problems.	 apply arithmetic operations, e.g., addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, to whole numbers and decimals and use number operations when creating and solving money problems use calculators or computers, to perform calculations involving large and small numbers, when solving problems apply concepts of rate, ratio, percentage and proportion to solve problems in a meaningful context demonstrate a number sense for whole numbers 0 to 100 000 and explore proper fractions and decimals estimate, measure and compare, using decimal numbers and standard units of measure, to solve problems in everyday contexts; e.g., mass, length, volume, time, perimeter, surface area use metric and imperial units of measure.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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complete tasks.

Students will enhance | Computer Operations and Computer Applications

Students will:

- demonstrate appropriate language and etiquette when using information technology
- demonstrate appropriate telephone operations; e.g., answer telephone calls appropriately, locate numbers and make telephone calls
- demonstrate basic computer operations to complete a task; e.g.,
 - use basic keyboarding skills
 - store, organize and retrieve information correctly
 - locate and select information and ideas using appropriate technology and information systems; e.g., Internet
 - access, send and retrieve e-mail and attachments
- demonstrate procedures for connecting and using audio, video and digital equipment
- demonstrate procedures for sending and receiving faxes and setting up a fax machine
- demonstrate procedures for copying and printing documents.

GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY 30-4 GENERAL OUTCOMES

Employability Competencies	Students will develop these competencies throughout the learning process and demonstrate them in daily life and the workplace.
Managing Transitions	 Students will consistently demonstrate personal discovery and continuous learning. Students will manage change effectively to support their goals. Students will prepare themselves for entry-level employment in an occupation that reflects their personal aptitudes and interests.
Personal Management	 Students will exhibit self-esteem and confidence through the achievement of personal goals. Students will manage risks to achieve both personal and workplace goals.
Working with Others	 Students will model effective communication skills and strategies in the home, school, community and workplace. Students will promote equity in work and community endeavours. Students will demonstrate the ability to complete tasks in a team environment.
Occupational Competencies	Students will develop and demonstrate the following competencies to succeed in a specific occupation or career.
Achieving Results Ensuring Quality	 Students will prepare for entry-level employment within a greenhouse and nursery career environment. Students will demonstrate entry-level standards of safe workplace practices and procedures. Students will use technology to develop a high-quality product or service. Students will demonstrate the effective use of soils and modifiers to grow specific plants. Students will demonstrate various propagation procedures to propagate different plants grown in the nursery and greenhouse. Students will demonstrate procedures for plant growth and the mass production of plant materials. Students will demonstrate an understanding of floral design.
	management processes by applying knowledge and skills to simulated and actual work situations.
Academic Competencies	Students will continue to develop these minimum academic competencies that provide a foundation for further learning.
Communication	• Students will demonstrate effective listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to prepare for employment.
Thinking	• Students will research information, use creative thinking skills and use effective problem-solving strategies to solve problems.
Numeracy	• Students will demonstrate mathematical operations to effectively solve problems in a meaningful context.
Information Technology	• Students will demonstrate the effective use of information technology to perform daily workplace operations.

GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY 30-4



EMPLOYABILITY COMPETENCIES: These competencies are developed throughout the learning process and are demonstrated in daily life and the workplace. Students will develop and demonstrate these competencies through individual effort and interpersonal interaction while completing a variety of projects/activities.

MANAGING TRANSITIONS

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will consistently demonstrate personal discovery and continuous learning.	 Lifelong Learning Students will: identify learning opportunities related to learning goals, commitments and resources; e.g., identify opportunities for further education/training locate needed financial support systems locate needed personal support systems practise what has been learned to build competence and confidence and evaluate the application of competencies to learning goals create a plan that demonstrates continuous learning; e.g., analyze requirements for graduation and for further education/training modify a learning plan to reflect requirements and opportunities.
Students will manage change effectively to support their goals.	 Adapting to Change Students will: prioritize and assign resources to meet commitments and goals prioritize commitments and goals to achieve a balanced lifestyle redefine an action plan as situations change; e.g., use adaptive strategies redefine personal goals select personal coping mechanisms access available and appropriate sources of support identify opportunities for improvement and innovation; e.g., entrepreneurship.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will prepare themselves for entry- level employment in an occupation that reflects their personal aptitudes and interests.	 Career Development Students will: analyze elements of job satisfaction; e.g., recognition, environment, pay, benefits, prestige build personal career paths and networks analyze how work contributes to societal and economic needs and a sense of responsibility prepare for employment through community partnership activities and organize and complete specific job tasks effectively and efficiently.

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT

Students will exhibit self-esteem and confidence through the achievement of personal goals.	 Self-development Students will: continue to create a long-term self-development plan in which they consider accomplishments and redefine self-development goals demonstrate entry-level self-presentation appropriate to the activity and role maintain a high standard of personal ethics when interacting with others.
Students will manage risks to achieve both personal and workplace goals.	 Risk Management Students will: maintain health and safety procedures; e.g., at home, at school, in the community and in the workplace monitor success in reducing the impact of hazards on themselves and others demonstrate concern for the safety of others by exhibiting appropriate behaviour in the workplace work with others to respond to emergencies take planned risks to contribute to personal growth.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will model effective communication skills and strategies in the home, school, community and workplace.	Interpersonal Communication Students will: • communicate thoughts and feelings appropriately; e.g., – listen without interrupting – contribute to be heard – disagree courteously – accept conflicting opinions – use appropriate body language • maintain a balance between speaking, listening and responding • work together to achieve goals • demonstrate the ability to deal constructively with conflict.
Students will promote equity in work and community endeavours.	 Building Community Students will: demonstrate and model courteous behaviour in daily interactions demonstrate respect for others and a shared understanding of diverse beliefs, etiquette and styles of interaction assess their personal contribution to community growth.
Students will demonstrate the ability to complete tasks in a team environment.	Students will: • assess the effectiveness of group and personal contributions; e.g., - generate ideas - assess resources - contribute abilities and interests - monitor progress - share responsibility for completion of a task • expand their abilities to contribute to team goals.



OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES: Students will develop and demonstrate the following competencies to succeed in a specific occupation or career. They will achieve results through a variety of projects/activities as appropriate to enhance their knowledge and skills. Students will ensure the quality of their work through effective task management and will highlight their achievements in a career-based portfolio.

ACHIEVING RESULTS

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will prepare for entry-level employment within a greenhouse and nursery career	Career Awareness Preparation Students will:
environment.	 assess entry-level competencies recognize opportunities for further education/training select post-secondary opportunities identify local entrepreneurs establish contacts with local businesses/industries explore career opportunities in garden centres and nurseries; e.g., visit local garden centres or nurseries interview employees discuss employment with the manager present marketable skills and strengths; e.g., write a letter of application prepare a résumé complete application forms identify contacts and references collect evidence of competencies in a portfolio demonstrate an informed decision-making process; e.g., ntegrate evidence to support an informed selection of a career pathway present a collection of artifacts and reflections to support an informed
	 selection of a career pathway. Standards Students will: demonstrate workplace protocols, procedures and standards of conduct; e.g., demonstrate appropriate work habits demonstrate effective human relations techniques in the workplace practise safety in the workplace

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
	 demonstrate acceptable verbal and nonverbal communication skills practise personal and public hygiene procedures demonstrate entry-level competency in tools and equipment usage use supplies correctly follow good storage practices demonstrate pride in their work performance demonstrate a willingness to work demonstrate respect for others follow accepted principles and procedures recognize opportunities for further education/training.
Students will	Workplace Health and Safety
demonstrate entry- level standards of	Students will:
safe workplace	• identify and explain the use of safety devices within the workplace
practices and procedures.	 demonstrate knowledge of, and the ability to access information about, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and the Workers' Compensation
procedures.	Board (WCB)
	• demonstrate a prework and postwork hazard assessment
	• demonstrate knowledge of, and adherence to, safety rules that are specific to available tools, equipment and materials
	 demonstrate knowledge of health hazards associated with the use of chemicals and materials and retrieve information on Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) using appropriate print and Internet resources
	• model safety consciousness by selecting and wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate to the specific task
	• demonstrate knowledge of environmental issues relating to the
	 procedures for handling hazardous waste demonstrate an understanding of the Workplace Hazardous Materials
	Information System (WHMIS) as it relates to the field of study and identify WHMIS symbols, classes and labelling requirements
	 identify writeries symbols, classes and labeling requirements identify safety hazards in the garden centre and nursery; e.g.,
	 identify and list hazards that may affect the public.
Students will use	Products and Services
technology to develop a high-quality product or service.	Technology Integration
•	Students will:
	• use new and emerging products and technological advances needed in greenhouses and nurseries; e.g.,
	 examine the effects of current technological advances in the greenhouse and nursery industry and explain the impact of current technology on the job descriptions of future greenhouse and nursery trade workers.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
	Providing Service
	 Students will: identify client relationships or interactions within the field of greenhouses and nurseries identify services needed, required or provided collect necessary information to complete a purchase or fill out a work order recognize the importance of customer or client service to all businesses/industries demonstrate professional practices and work habits strive to meet and exceed the client's expectations.
Students will	Soils and Modifiers
demonstrate the effective use of soils and modifiers to grow specific plants.	 Students will: determine the ideal soilless mix for: annuals perennials flowering plants baskets vegetables trees and shrubs.
Students will	Plant Propagation
demonstrate various propagation procedures to propagate different plants grown in the nursery and greenhouse.	 Students will: use softwood cuttings; e.g., propagate quantities of annuals, perennials, woody plants and foliage plants use hardwood cuttings; e.g., propagate dormant woody stems divide and transplant perennials and divide bulbs and rhizomes graft softwood plants and graft and bud hardwood plants.
Students will	Plant Growth/Plant
demonstrate procedures for plant	Production
growth and the mass production of plant materials.	 Students will: demonstrate procedures for growing plants to maturity; e.g., annuals perennials seasonal flowering plants trees and shrubs outline the stages of production for each category identify cost factors and the sale price in each category determine the size and type of containers to be used transplant seedlings or plugs

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
	 water and fertilize the plants to obtain maximum growth prune or cut back the plant as required present plants for sale when they are mature schedule plant crops for seasonal sale; e.g., poinsettias, Easter lilies record and schedule maintenance procedures estimate quantities, areas and volumes required for crop production; e.g., fertilizer soil mixtures.
Students will demonstrate an understanding of floral design.	 Floral Design Students will: demonstrate the correct techniques for the incorporation of design elements; e.g., proportion colours scale balance design and make arrangements to sell demonstrate procedures for the care of perishable floral materials.

ENSURING QUALITY

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will demonstrate an understanding of the value of effective task management processes by applying	Task Management Outcomes Students will: • read and/or listen to instructions
knowledge and skills to simulated and actual work situations.	 ask questions to clarify expected outcomes, procedures and timelines. Decision Making
	 Students will: identify the parameters of the task generate and review alternative ideas and their consequences make a decision or select an idea.
	Planning
	 Students will: identify the steps involved in managing a project prepare a sample project plan, including budget and timeline identify available tools, equipment and materials.
	Performance Standards
	 Students will: identify expected standards for a product or service ensure a product or service meets expected standards and timelines.
	Evaluation
	 Students will: identify opportunities for improving quality establish expectations and measures for improvements create evidence to support an understanding of task management and skill development for inclusion in a personal portfolio.



ACADEMIC COMPETENCIES: These are the minimum academic competencies that provide a foundation for further learning. The following outcomes are provided as a reminder to address these academic competencies within the occupational context and to reinforce cross-curricular connections.

COMMUNICATION

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will demonstrate effective listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to prepare for employment.	 Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing Students will: read, view and interpret occupation-related materials for a specific purpose; e.g., read related health and safety documents read terms of employment documents follow written instructions specific to an occupational area create text for a specific purpose that clearly communicates information; e.g., write a résumé write a job description submit job application forms communicate thoughts and ideas and listen to the thoughts and ideas of others to effectively complete a task; e.g., follow oral instruction give effective oral instructions when necessary.

THINKING

Students will research information, use creative thinking	Problem Solving, Decision Making, Finding Information and Creative Thinking
skills and use	Students will:
effective problem- solving strategies to solve problems.	 demonstrate an effective problem-solving model; e.g., identify the need for a solution to a problem/issue identify why information is needed; e.g., make decisions, inform, persuade
	 identify appropriate actions and select and apply information that meets their purposes and needs evaluate the results in terms of expected outcomes and assess the impact of information on their purpose and audience.

NUMERACY

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
General Outcomes Students will demonstrate mathematical operations to effectively solve problems in a meaningful context.	 Basic Operations, Patterns and Relationships, Shape and Space, and Statistics and Probability Students will: apply arithmetic operations, e.g., addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, to whole numbers and decimals and use number operations when creating and solving money problems use calculators or computers, to perform calculations involving large and small numbers, when solving problems apply concepts of rate, ratio, percentage and proportion demonstrate a number sense for whole numbers 0 to 100 000 and explore proper fractions and decimals
	 estimate, measure and compare, using decimal numbers and standard units of measure, to solve problems in everyday contexts; e.g., mass, length, volume, time, perimeter, surface area use metric and imperial units of measure.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Computer Operations and Computer Applications

Students will:

- model and assume personal responsibility for the ethical use of information technologies
- demonstrate appropriate telephone operations within the workplace; e.g., answer telephone calls appropriately, locate numbers and make telephone calls
- use computer operations to assist in the completion of daily workplace operations; e.g.,
 - use basic keyboarding skills
 - store, organize and retrieve information correctly
 - locate and select information and ideas using appropriate technology and information systems; e.g., Internet
 - access, send and retrieve e-mail and attachments
- demonstrate procedures for connecting and using audio, video and digital equipment
- demonstrate procedures for sending and receiving faxes and setting up a fax machine
- demonstrate procedures for copying and printing documents.

Students will demonstrate the effective use of information technology to perform daily workplace operations.

LANDSCAPING 20-4 GENERAL OUTCOMES

Employability Competencies	Students will develop these competencies throughout the learning process and demonstrate them in daily life and the workplace.
Managing Transitions	 Students will apply their abilities and interests toward achieving learning goals. Students will practise the skills and abilities needed to manage change. Students will orient themselves toward an occupation that reflects their personal aptitudes and interests.
Personal Management	 Students will increase their self-esteem and confidence and enhance their ability to set personal goals and priorities. Students will understand risks and be accountable for their actions.
Working with Others	 Students will practise effective communication skills and strategies in an occupational context. Students will demonstrate the ability to understand and work within the culture of a group. Students will plan and make decisions with others.
Occupational Competencies	Students will develop and demonstrate the following competencies to succeed in a specific occupation or career.
Achieving Results	 Students will orient themselves toward an occupation within a landscaping career environment. Students will demonstrate safe workplace practices and procedures. Students will develop an increased awareness of technology to develop a high-quality product or service. Students will identify and use field soils in a landscaping environment. Students will identify plant material used in landscaping. Students will develop an understanding of the principles of landscape design. Students will demonstrate effective construction of an exterior landscape. Students will identify various landscaping products and their roles in landscape development. Students will identify processes and techniques for creating an interior landscape.
Ensuring Quality	• Students will continue to develop an understanding of the value of effective task management processes by applying knowledge and skills to simulated and actual work situations.
Academic Competencies	Students will continue to develop these minimum academic competencies that provide a foundation for further learning.
Communication	• Students will demonstrate effective listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.
Thinking	• Students will apply creative thinking skills to solve problems.
Numeracy	• Students will apply mathematical concepts to solve occupational problems.
Information Technology	• Students will enhance their performance by using information technology to help complete tasks.

LANDSCAPING 20-4



EMPLOYABILITY COMPETENCIES: These competencies are developed throughout the learning process and are demonstrated in daily life and the workplace. Students will develop and demonstrate these competencies through individual effort and interpersonal interaction while completing a variety of projects/activities.

MANAGING TRANSITIONS

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will apply their abilities and interests toward achieving learning goals.	 Lifelong Learning Students will: relate learning preferences and strengths to formal and informal learning opportunities and identify post-secondary opportunities within the related field assess learning goals and current competencies, identify competencies needing development and identify and prioritize learning goals create a pathway of senior high school courses to reflect learning goals identify educational possibilities; e.g., Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), Green Certificate, Career and Technology Studies (CTS) and Career Internship.
Students will practise the skills and abilities needed to manage change.	 Adapting to Change Students will: identify goals, responsibilities and commitments assess and reflect on the success of an action plan; e.g., create alternative choices to deal with unexpected change identify stressors in personal environments that they can and cannot change identify the need for personal support and create an inventory of available personal and community sources of support.
Students will orient themselves toward an occupation that reflects their personal aptitudes and interests.	 Career Development Students will: assess work preferences and nonpreferences (e.g., indoor, outdoor, shift work), assess life/work options and outline career goals and paths work in and seek out a variety of roles and responsibilities measure and celebrate personal contributions to workplace goals; e.g., paid, unpaid or volunteer work orient themselves to the workplace through community partnerships and assess personal performance in terms of workplace expectations.

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will increase their self-esteem and confidence and enhance their ability to set personal goals and priorities.	 Self-development Students will: re-evaluate an action plan to develop strengths and talents use strengths and talents to achieve personal goals clarify acceptable and appropriate behaviours for specific activities and roles act ethically in personal, community and workplace contexts and accept the consequences of their actions.
Students will understand risks and be accountable for their actions.	 Risk Management Students will: follow health and safety procedures; e.g., at home, at school, in the community and in the workplace identify potential hazards, take corrective action and develop and practise action plans to ensure safety practise personal emergency responses assess their comfort level with, and the consequences of, taking risks.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

Students will practise effective	Interpersonal Communication
communication skills and strategies in an occupational context.	 Students will: assess the effectiveness of communication strategies used to communicate thoughts and feelings; e.g., listen without interrupting contribute to be heard disagree courteously accept conflicting opinions use appropriate body language assess verbal and nonverbal communication strategies apply social norms to build specific relationships demonstrate the ability to accept praise and/or criticism.
Students will demonstrate the ability to understand and work within the culture of a group.	 Building Community Students will: interact with others in a courteous manner accommodate the beliefs of others in work and personal environments and show respect for differences in beliefs, abilities, etiquette and styles of interaction identify opportunities for participation in community growth.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will plan and make decisions with others.	Teamwork Students will: • participate effectively as group members; e.g., - generate ideas - assess resources - contribute abilities and interests - monitor progress - share responsibility for completion of a task
	assume various roles within a group; e.g., leadershipclarify the expected outcomes of teamwork.



OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES: Students will develop and demonstrate the following competencies to succeed in a specific occupation or career. They will achieve results through a variety of projects/activities as appropriate to enhance their knowledge and skills. Students will ensure the quality of their work through effective task management and will highlight their achievements in a career-based portfolio.

ACHIEVING RESULTS

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will orient themselves toward an occupation within a landscaping career environment.	Career Awareness Orientation Students will: identify entry-level competencies identify post-secondary opportunities recognize entrepreneurial opportunities within the industry introduce themselves to local business/industry operations match their personal interests to their job search; e.g., identify sources of support for investigating and finding work describe entry-level requirements recognize potential career ladders.
	Standards Students will: • develop workplace protocols, procedures and standards of conduct; e.g., - demonstrate appropriate work habits - use safe and sanitary practices - demonstrate pride in themselves - demonstrate pride in their work performance - show respect for others - respect the property of others.
Students will demonstrate basic safe workplace practices and procedures.	 Workplace Health and Safety Students will: identify safety device locations and procedures within the workplace environment identify government regulatory bodies that support a safe workplace demonstrate knowledge of, and the ability to access information about, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) demonstrate knowledge of, and adherence to, safety rules that are specific

• demonstrate knowledge of, and adherence to, safety rules that are specific to available tools, equipment and materials

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
	 demonstrate knowledge of health hazards associated with the use of chemicals and materials and retrieve information on Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) using appropriate print and Internet resources select and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate to the specific task demonstrate knowledge of environmental issues relating to the procedures for handling hazardous waste demonstrate an understanding of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) as it relates to the field of study and identify WHMIS symbols, classes and labelling requirements identify hazards related to landscaping work; e.g., use of power equipment and tools lifting repetitive jobs pest control products.
Students will develop an increased	Products and Service
awareness of	Tools and Equipment
technology to develop a high-quality product or service.	 Students will: use, safely, hand and power tools and equipment commonly used in landscaping services handle and dispose of, properly, environmentally hazardous materials used in landscaping.
	Technology Integration
	Students will:identify new and emerging products and technological advances used in landscaping.
	Providing Service
	 Students will: identify client relationships or interactions within the field of landscaping identify services needed, required or provided collect necessary information to complete a purchase or fill out a work order recognize the importance of customer or client service to all businesses/industries demonstrate professional practices and work habits strive to meet and exceed the client's expectations estimate quantities, areas and volumes; e.g., of sod and soil identify the costs of landscaping products and services estimate all costs involved in a landscaping project; e.g., plant material soil hard landscape materials labour.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will identify and use field soils in a landscaping environment.	 Field Soils Students will: identify and use the types of field soils needed in exterior landscaping; e.g., black loam clay sand identify and use the modifiers needed to make a satisfactory growing medium; e.g., peat moss sharp sand demonstrate proper soil mixes for: trees and shrubs perennials sod.
Students will identify plant material used in landscaping.	 Landscaping Plants Students will: identify the characteristics of plants, such as shapes, sizes, needs, optimum location, hardiness, used in landscaping projects; e.g., deciduous trees/shrubs evergreens perennials.
Students will develop an understanding of the principles of landscape design.	 Landscape Design Students will: design a simple residential landscape plan sketch landscape designs explore landscape design software present a planting plan, including: foundation plantings perennial borders mixed beds identify xeriscaping and incorporate its principles into a landscape plan identify the environmental benefits of landscaping; e.g., air quality erosion control temperature and wind control.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will demonstrate effective construction of an exterior landscape.	 Exterior Landscape Planting Students will: follow a given landscape plan identify and demonstrate techniques for planting trees and shrubs and laying sod for a landscaping project; e.g., prepare the hole prepare the modified soil place the plant material in the hole with a base of good soil dig the hole to proper depth and diameter, in relation to the plant material fill, properly, around the plant with new soil firm down the new soil identify procedures for the staking of trees.
Students will identify various landscaping products and their roles in landscape development.	 Landscape Construction Students will: identify the varieties of hard landscaping in a residential yard; e.g., decks fencing landscaping stone; e.g., interlocking bricks, retaining walls, planters identify the functional purpose of different types of hard landscaping incorporate hard landscaping into a landscape plan.
Students will identify processes and techniques for creating an interior landscape.	 Interior Landscaping Students will: identify interior plants that can be grown or used for decoration within the home, office or public buildings identify the different conditions that exist in the interior environment; e.g., light and temperature analyze light intensity from different sources at different times; e.g., direct sunlight from north, south, east and west windows artificial light from high-intensity or fluorescent lights identify procedures for transplanting interior plants identify plant problems within an interior space

ENSURING QUALITY

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will continue to develop an understanding of	Task Management Outcomes
the value of effective task management processes by applying knowledge and skills	 Students will: read and/or listen to instructions ask questions to clarify expected outcomes, procedures and timelines.
to simulated and actual work situations.	Decision Making
	 Students will: identify the parameters of the task generate and review alternative ideas and their consequences make a decision or select an idea.
	Planning
	 Students will: identify the steps involved in managing a project prepare a sample project plan, including budget and timeline identify available tools, equipment and materials.
	Performance Standards
	 Students will: identify expected standards for a product or service ensure a product or service meets the expected standards and timelines.
	Evaluation
	Students will:

- identify opportunities for improving quality
- establish expectations and measures for improvements
- create evidence to support an understanding of task management and skill development for inclusion in a personal portfolio.



ACADEMIC COMPETENCIES: These are the minimum academic competencies that provide a foundation for further learning. The following outcomes are provided as a reminder to address these academic competencies within the occupational context and to reinforce cross-curricular connections.

COMMUNICATION

Students will demonstrate effective listening, speaking, reading and writingListening, Speaking, Reading and WritingStudents will:• read, view and interpret occupation-related materials; e.g., • use related occupational terms • identify occupation-related literature • interpret and follow written instructions• select and create a text format to suit a purpose and audience, e.g., forms, letters, reports, memos, résumé, and: • describe uses of writing skills in related occupations • write a letter of inquiry • write a letter of thanks • complete job applications• listen and present information in a clear, concise manner; e.g., • listen and present information in a clear, concise manner; e.g.,	General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
 – listen attentively to organize and classify information and ideas – organize main ideas and key messages with clarity. 	demonstrate effective listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.	 Students will: read, view and interpret occupation-related materials; e.g., use related occupational terms identify occupation-related literature interpret and follow written instructions select and create a text format to suit a purpose and audience, e.g., forms, letters, reports, memos, résumé, and: describe uses of writing skills in related occupations write a letter of inquiry write a letter of thanks complete job applications listen and present information in a clear, concise manner; e.g., listen attentively to organize and classify information and ideas

THINKING

Students will apply creative thinking	Problem Solving, Decision Making and Creative Thinking
skills to solve	Students will:
problems.	• apply a problem-solving model to identify the problem/issue
	• identify appropriate actions and develop several alternatives for each
	promising idea

• evaluate the results, in terms of expected outcomes related to the initial problem, and evaluate personal satisfaction with the outcome of the idea; e.g., product/process.

NUMERACY

General Outcomes
Students will apply mathematical concepts to solve
occupational
problems.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

their performance by using information

technology to help

complete tasks.

Students will enhance | Computer Operations and Computer Applications

Students will:

- demonstrate appropriate language and etiquette when using information technology
- demonstrate appropriate telephone operations; e.g., answer telephone calls appropriately, locate numbers and make telephone calls
- demonstrate basic computer operations to complete a task; e.g.,
 - use basic keyboarding skills
 - store, organize and retrieve information correctly
 - locate and select information and ideas using appropriate technology and information systems; e.g., Internet
 - access, send and retrieve e-mail and attachments
- demonstrate procedures for connecting and using audio, video and digital equipment
- demonstrate procedures for sending and receiving faxes and setting up a fax machine
- demonstrate procedures for copying and printing documents.

LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE 30-4 GENERAL OUTCOMES

Employability Competencies	Students will develop these competencies throughout the learning process and demonstrate them in daily life and the workplace.
Managing Transitions	 Students will consistently demonstrate personal discovery and continuous learning. Students will manage change effectively to support their goals. Students will prepare themselves for entry-level employment in an occupation that reflects their personal aptitudes and interests.
Personal Management	 Students will exhibit self-esteem and confidence through the achievement of personal goals. Students will manage risks to achieve both personal and workplace goals.
Working with Others	 Students will model effective communication skills and strategies in the home, school, community and workplace. Students will promote equity in work and community endeavours. Students will demonstrate the ability to complete tasks in a team environment.
Occupational Competencies	Students will develop and demonstrate the following competencies to succeed in a specific occupation or career.
Achieving Results	 Students will prepare for entry-level employment within a landscaping and maintenance career environment. Students will demonstrate entry-level standards of safe workplace practices and procedures. Students will use technology to develop a high-quality product or service. Students will demonstrate the appropriate skills necessary to maintain plants within a home or office building environment. Students will demonstrate the skills needed to effectively maintain an exterior landscape.
Ensuring Quality	• Students will demonstrate an understanding of the value of effective task management processes by applying knowledge and skills to simulated and actual work situations.
Academic Competencies	Students will continue to develop these minimum academic competencies that provide a foundation for further learning.
Communication	• Students will demonstrate effective listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to prepare for employment.
Thinking	• Students will research information, use creative thinking skills and use effective problem-solving strategies to solve problems.
Numeracy	• Students will demonstrate mathematical operations to effectively solve problems in a meaningful context.
Information Technology	• Students will demonstrate the effective use of information technology to perform daily workplace operations.

LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE 30-4



EMPLOYABILITY COMPETENCIES: These competencies are developed throughout the learning process and are demonstrated in daily life and the workplace. Students will develop and demonstrate these competencies through individual effort and interpersonal interaction while completing a variety of projects/activities.

MANAGING TRANSITIONS

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will consistently demonstrate personal discovery and continuous learning.	 Lifelong Learning Students will: identify learning opportunities related to learning goals, commitments and resources; e.g., identify opportunities for further education/training locate needed financial support systems locate needed personal support systems practise what has been learned to build competence and confidence and evaluate the application of competencies to learning goals create a plan that demonstrates continuous learning; e.g., analyze requirements for graduation and for further education/training modify a learning plan to reflect requirements and opportunities.
Students will manage change effectively to support their goals.	 Adapting to Change Students will: prioritize and assign resources to meet commitments and goals prioritize commitments and goals to achieve a balanced lifestyle redefine an action plan as situations change; e.g., use adaptive strategies redefine personal goals select personal coping mechanisms access available and appropriate sources of support identify opportunities for improvement and innovation; e.g., entrepreneurship.
Students will prepare themselves for entry- level employment in an occupation that reflects their personal aptitudes and interests.	 Career Development Students will: analyze elements of job satisfaction; e.g., recognition, environment, pay, benefits, prestige build personal career paths and networks analyze how work contributes to societal and economic needs and a sense of responsibility prepare for employment through community partnership activities and organize and complete specific job tasks effectively and efficiently.

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will exhibit self-esteem and confidence through the achievement of personal goals.	 Self-development Students will: continue to create a long-term self-development plan in which they consider accomplishments and redefine self-development goals demonstrate entry-level self-presentation appropriate to the activity and role maintain a high standard of personal ethics when interacting with others.
Students will manage risks to achieve both personal and workplace goals.	 Risk Management Students will: maintain health and safety procedures; e.g., at home, at school, in the community and in the workplace monitor success in reducing the impact of hazards on themselves and others demonstrate concern for the safety of others by exhibiting appropriate behaviour in the workplace work with others to respond to emergencies take planned risks to contribute to personal growth.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

Students will model effective	Interpersonal Communication
communication skills	Students will:
and strategies in the	• communicate thoughts and feelings appropriately; e.g.,
home, school,	 listen without interrupting
community and	 contribute to be heard
workplace.	 disagree courteously
	 accept conflicting opinions
	 use appropriate body language
	• maintain a balance between speaking, listening and responding
	• work together to achieve goals
	• demonstrate the ability to deal constructively with conflict.
Students will promote equity in	Building Community
work and community	Students will:
endeavours.	 demonstrate and model courteous behaviour in daily interactions demonstrate respect for others and a shared understanding of diverse beliefs, etiquette and styles of interaction
	• assess their personal contribution to community growth.

General Outcomes

Teamwork

Students will:

• assess the effectiveness of group and personal contributions; e.g.,

Specific Outcomes

- generate ideas
- assess resources
- contribute abilities and interests
- monitor progress
- share responsibility for completion of a task
- expand their abilities to contribute to team goals.

Students will demonstrate the ability to complete tasks in a team environment.



OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES: Students will develop and demonstrate the following competencies to succeed in a specific occupation or career. They will achieve results through a variety of projects/activities as appropriate to enhance their knowledge and skills. Students will ensure the quality of their work through effective task management and will highlight their achievements in a career-based portfolio.

ACHIEVING RESULTS

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will prepare for entry-level	Career Awareness
employment within a landscaping and	Preparation
maintenance career	Students will:
environment.	assess entry-level competencies
	recognize opportunities for further education/training
	select post-secondary opportunities
	identify local entrepreneurs
	establish contacts with local businesses/industries
	• explore career opportunities in landscaping maintenance; e.g.,
	– home – commercial
	- golf course
	 parks and recreational
	 present marketable skills and strengths; e.g.,
	 write a letter of application
	– prepare a résumé
	 complete application forms
	 identify contacts and references
	 collect evidence of competencies in a portfolio
	• demonstrate an informed decision-making process; e.g.,
	 collect evidence supporting their career choice
	 integrate evidence to support an informed selection of a career
	 pathway present a collection of artifacts and reflections to support an informed
	selection of a career pathway
	 use essential skill assessment devices to construct a personal learning
	exit plan.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will use technology to develop a high-quality	Products and Service
product or service.	Technology Integration
	Students will:
	 use new and emerging products and technological advances needed in landscaping and maintenance; e.g., examine the effects of current technological advances in the landscaping and maintenance industry and explain the impact of current technology on the job descriptions of future landscaping and maintenance trade workers.
	Providing Service
	Students will:
	• identify client relationships or interactions within the field of landscaping and maintenance
	 identify services needed, required or provided collect necessary information to complete a purchase or fill out a work
	• collect necessary information to complete a purchase or fill out a work order
	 recognize the importance of customer or client service to all businesses/industries
	demonstrate professional practices and work habits
	 strive to meet and exceed the client's expectations estimate quantities, areas and volumes; e.g., of sod and soil
	 identify the costs of landscaping products and services
	 estimate all costs involved in a landscaping project; e.g., plant material
	 soil hard landscape materials
	– labour
	• prepare invoices for services provided, including materials.
Students will demonstrate the	Interior Plant Maintenance
appropriate skills	Watering
necessary to maintain plants within a home	Students will:
or office building	 recognize and demonstrate the proper techniques for watering interior
environment.	plants
	 determine the factors affecting a maintenance schedule; e.g., location
	 size of plant and container
	 soil type plant type.
	– prant type.

General	Outcomes

Specific Outcomes

Fertilizing

Students will:

- recognize the three main elements listed on a fertilizer container; i.e.,
 - nitrogen (N)
 - phosphorus (P)
 - potassium (K)
- determine analysis of fertilizer to use in interior environments
- schedule fertilizer application.

Potting

Students will:

- demonstrate potting techniques for interior plants
- identify soil types and requirements
- demonstrate the installation of a plant in a decorative container, including the:
 - selection of the container
 - drainage space
 - installation of the plant
 - application of decorative mulch
- identify and demonstrate the protection of surroundings and effective clean-up procedures.

Pruning

Students will:

- explain the pruning process
- select appropriate tools for pruning
- identify when pruning is most effective
- demonstrate the effective pruning of different plants; e.g., deciduous trees, deciduous shrubs and evergreens.

Insect Control

Students will:

- identify common insect pests found on office and house plants; e.g.,
 - aphids
 - mealy bugs
 - scale
 - whitefly
 - western flower thrips
- describe plant symptoms that indicate an infestation of pests
- identify and demonstrate, where possible, the safe and effective control of pests
- identify biological controls and their effects.

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will	Exterior Landscape Maintenance
demonstrate the skills needed to	Trees and Shrubs
effectively maintain an exterior landscape.	 Students will: identify and demonstrate various techniques for growing healthy plant material in a landscape, considering: watering fertilizing pruning insect pests.
Lawns	
	 Students will: identify the requirements for effective lawn care; e.g., tools and equipment watering fertilizing cutting power raking aerating disease control demonstrate effective lawn care identify and demonstrate weed control; e.g., types of weeds chemical controls.
	Perennial and Annual Borders
	 Students will: demonstrate proper maintenance for plant borders, considering: watering fertilizing dividing identify and demonstrate spring and/or fall clean-up procedures; e.g., general clean-up soil modification mulching.
Water Conservation	
	 Students will: identify water conservation techniques; e.g., mulching water collection, in containers such as rain barrels xeriscaping.

ENSURING QUALITY

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes	
Students will demonstrate an	Task Management	
understanding of the value of effective task	Outcomes	
management processes by applying knowledge and skills to simulated and	 Students will: read and/or listen to instructions ask questions to clarify expected outcomes, procedures and timelines. 	
actual work situations.	Decision Making	
	 Students will: identify the parameters of the task generate and review alternative ideas and their consequences make a decision or select an idea. 	
	Planning	
	 Students will: identify the steps involved in managing a project prepare a sample project plan, including budget and timeline identify available tools, equipment and materials. 	
	Performance Standards	
	 Students will: identify expected standards for a product or service ensure a product or service meets expected standards and timelines. 	
Evaluation		
	 Students will: identify opportunities for improving quality establish expectations and measures for improvements create evidence to support an understanding of task management and skill development for inclusion in a personal portfolio. 	



ACADEMIC COMPETENCIES: These are the minimum academic competencies that provide a foundation for further learning. The following outcomes are provided as a reminder to address these academic competencies within the occupational context and to reinforce cross-curricular connections.

COMMUNICATION

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will demonstrate effective listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to prepare for employment.	 Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing Students will: read, view and interpret occupation-related materials for a specific purpose; e.g., read related health and safety documents read terms of employment documents follow written instructions specific to an occupational area create text for a specific purpose that clearly communicates information; e.g., write a résumé write a job description submit job application forms communicate thoughts and ideas and listen to the thoughts and ideas of others to effectively complete a task; e.g., follow oral instructions give effective oral instructions when necessary.

THINKING

Problem Solving, Decision Making, Finding Information and Students will research information, **Creative Thinking** use creative thinking skills and use Students will: effective problemdemonstrate an effective problem-solving model; e.g., • solving strategies to identify the need for a solution to a problem/issue _ solve problems. identify why information is needed; e.g., make decisions, inform, _ persuade identify appropriate actions and select and apply information that meets their purposes and needs

• evaluate the results in terms of expected outcomes and assess the impact of information on their purpose and audience.

NUMERACY

General Outcomes	Specific Outcomes
Students will demonstrate mathematical operations to effectively solve problems in a meaningful context.	 Basic Operations, Patterns and Relationships, Shape and Space, and Statistics and Probability Students will: apply arithmetic operations, e.g., addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, to whole numbers and decimals and use number operations when creating and solving money problems use calculators or computers, to perform calculations involving large and small numbers, when solving problems apply concepts of rate, ratio, percentage and proportion demonstrate a number sense for whole numbers 0 to 100 000 and explore proper fractions and decimals estimate, measure and compare, using decimal numbers and standard units of measure, to solve problems in everyday contexts; e.g., mass, length, volume, time, perimeter, surface area use metric and imperial units of measure.
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Computer Operations and Computer Applications

Students will:

- model and assume personal responsibility for the ethical use of information technologies
- demonstrate appropriate telephone operations within the workplace; e.g., answer telephone calls appropriately, locate numbers and make telephone calls
- use computer operations to assist in the completion of daily workplace operations; e.g.,
 - use basic keyboarding skills
 - store, organize and retrieve information correctly
 - locate and select information and ideas using appropriate technology and information systems; e.g., Internet
 - access, send and retrieve e-mail and attachments
- demonstrate procedures for connecting and using audio, video and digital equipment
- demonstrate procedures for sending and receiving faxes and setting up a fax machine
- demonstrate procedures for copying and printing documents.

Students will demonstrate the effective use of information technology to perform daily workplace operations.