

SPECIALITY CROP GROWERS, SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

Curriculum Code #7191

Effective May 2026

Division of Science and Mathematics (<http://catalog.lorainccc.edu/academic-programs/science-mathematics/>)

The specialty crop growers short-term technical certificate provides the basic training needed to diversify and expand farm production, boost local economies, increase access to fresh food, and decrease the need for extensive transportation of foods. Students contribute directly to the production of locally grown produce through hands-on experiences with local farmers and growers. Training in specialty crop production allows students to explore career pathways in agriculture, cooperative systems, and marketing. Some courses require travel to mentor farms and off-campus learning sites. Lorain County Community College has articulation agreements with colleges and universities including programs offered by Lorain County Community College's University Partnership.

Preferred Sequence

Fall Semester		Hours
SAGR 101	FALL CROP PRODUCTION ¹	3
SAGR 112	BUSINESS PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE ¹	3
SAGR 114	INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE ¹	3
Hours		9
Spring Semester		
SAGR 102	SPRING CROP PRODUCTION ¹	3
SAGR 106	SOIL MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION ¹	3
SAGR 113	PLANT PROPAGATION ¹	2
Hours		8
Total Hours		17

¹ This course offers an opportunity for experiential learning.

² Students can substitute SAGR 118, SAGR 170, SAGR 287, SAGR 288, SAGR 289, and SAGR 299 for any SAGR course of equal credit-hour value. Students are recommended to meet with the Program Coordinator prior to identifying a substitution.

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For information about admissions, enrollment, transfer, graduation and other general questions, please contact your advising team (<https://www.lorainccc.edu/admissions-and-enrollment/advising-and-counseling/>).

More program information can be found on our website. (<https://www.lorainccc.edu/sciences/sustainable-agriculture/specialty-crop-growers-short-term-certificate/>)

Credit for Prior Learning (PLA) options may be available for your program. For more information, please visit our website: www.lorainccc.edu/PLA (<http://www.lorainccc.edu/PLA>)

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge of techniques, tools and technical skills, needed in farm production and farm management, including those needed to qualify for applicable industry credentials.
2. Work productively and collaboratively in an agricultural environment, as an individual, a member of a problem-solving team, and a social network builder within the farming community.
3. Contribute to the production, distribution and marketing of locally grown produce.