

OVERVIEW

Objectives of the Landscape Design Schools

- Develop a greater sense of appreciation, pride, and knowledge about our private, public, and historical gardens
- Become better informed in order to promote positive changes in our surroundings to encourage beauty, utility, convenience, sound ecological practice, and ease of maintenance
- Encourage a better understanding of the landscape design process to promote landscapes that will sustain sound management
- Stimulate interest in all phases of landscape design, including community planning
- Develop a contingent of qualified NGC Landscape Design Consultants to serve in such decision-making areas of public life, such as providing leadership, educational programs, scholarships, awards, and promoting better landscape design.

Course Requirements

Attendance is mandatory at all lectures of a course for the student to take the exam and receive credit. Prospective consultants *must* take a written examination. Each course includes:

- Ten hours of lectures, including a supplemental subject lecture
- Required reading from a selected Landscape Design Article in *The National Gardener*
- A multiple-choice exam (open book/notes) based on the lectures and required reading. Exams are optional, but *must* be taken by those who apply for NGC certification.
- **For more information about Landscape Design Schools, go to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. website. gardenclub.org**

Course 4 Topics

Note: Order of topics is subject to change

Tuesday, December 15, 2026

- 8:00 INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME
- 8:30 - 9:30 Contemporary Landscape Design Trends
- 9:30 – 10:30 Community Participation in Landscaping Projects
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 11:45 History & Development of Community Gardens
- 11:45 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 Guidelines for Evaluating Landscape Designs of Residential, Public and Commercial Property
- 2:00 - 4:00 Evaluations of Landscape Designs – part 1

Wednesday, December 16, 2026

- 8:00 - 9:00 Suburban Design
- 9:00 - 10:00 Supplemental Subject (TBD)
- 10:00- 10:15 Break
- 10:15 - 12:15 Evaluations of Landscape Designs – part 2
- 12:15 - 1:15 Lunch
- 1:15 Exam

REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE for registrations:

November 30, 2026

LATE REGISTRATIONS are subject to availability.

Make checks payable to:
GCM Tri-Consultants' Council

Mail registration form with check to:
Lynda Dickerson - Registrar
1115 Cloverdale Drive
Greenville, MS 38701
Phone 662-332-8474
Email: ldickerson@bellsouth.net

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____

Email _____

NGC Club Name _____

State _____

LDS Courses Previously Attended for Credit _____

Registration fee includes refreshments and lunch.

____ Full Course 2 days for CREDIT \$60.00
includes Exam Fee

____ Full Course 2 days for REFRESHER \$60.00
includes Refresher Fee

____ Full Course 2 days AUDIT ONLY \$60.00
No Credit Received

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK \$ _____

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Holiday Inn Express
110 B Hwy 12 West
662-324-0076

Hampton Inn
700 MS Hwy 12
662-324-1333

La Quinta Inn & Suites
982 Hwy 12 East
662-270-4100

NOTE: Check for other hotels in the area.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

NGC garden club members completing the series of four LDS courses with a passing grade of 70 or above may apply for the designation of **NGC Landscape Design Consultant**. Please note, these courses and NGC certification do not confer professional status.

Each of the four LDS courses consists of ten hours of lectures. Attendance is mandatory for the student to take the exam and receive credit. Exams are optional, but must be taken by those who want to be certified as an NGC Landscape Design Consultant.

All lectures and exams are open to the public for the stated fees, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership.

A non-member student who has successfully completed the four courses and passed the exams may apply for consultant certification upon joining a garden club affiliated with NGC within one year after completing the series. Certificates of Completion may be issued to non-NGC students.

FAQs

- Lunch included
- Topics are emailed in advance to all registered attendees, and must be printed by students and brought to class
- Exam questions are multiple-choice and taken from the assigned reading and lectures
- Refreshers do not take the exam
- Courses do not have to be taken in sequence
- More than one course may be taken per year
- Provisional Consultant status eligibility is attained after passing two exams



LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL Series 4 Course 4

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Landscape Building
Starkville, MS 39759



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