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Beginning in fall 2022, NYBG Adult Education will rebrand our Horticultural Therapy program as the Therapeutic Horticulture Certificate program. We believe this change will allow us to better meet the needs of our students by broadening the scope and flexibility of our curricula.

When approval for our courses by the National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS) expires in November 2022, we will not reapply. Students who enroll in NYBG's rebranded Therapeutic Horticulture classes will not be able to apply for college credit. As a result, after November 2022, our Therapeutic Horticulture courses will no longer count toward professional registration with the AHTA. All Horticultural Therapy courses completed prior to November 2022 will still be eligible for college credit. We will continue to maintain our license under New York State's Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision.

This decision was reached after much consideration and discussion with faculty, students, and Garden administration. The key data driving this change is that fact that since 2010, only three (4%) of graduates have applied for college credit in order to use our THR coursework to become professional HTRs.

If you are considering Professional Registration with the AHTA, we recommend that you complete all nine required courses with a THR in the session code before November 2022. **Upcoming classes that will help you do this are linked here.** We plan to release our spring/summer catalog in February 2022 so you can plan ahead with this deadline in mind.

Any courses that you will have taken prior to November 2022 will continue to be eligible for course credit through Excelsior College. We recommend you apply for those credits before November 2022 because Excelsior College charges much more (\$495 vs. \$50) to request a transcript for coursework from a non-NCCRS member.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions by emailing adulted@nybg.org or calling 718.817.8720.

Sincerely,
NYBG Adult Education