



FARMER APPRENTICE PROGRAM

AN ENTREPRENEURIAL APPROACH TO SMALL SCALE FARMING

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UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT'S FARMER APPRENTICE PROGRAM

The **University of Vermont**, in partnership with the Intervale Center, has created a five-month intensive program for aspiring farmers that provides a hands-on, entrepreneurial approach to sustainable farming.

What is it? This program offers participants the unique opportunity to manage their own growing site, take classes from professors and farmers and rotate as workers and learners between successful, diverse farms at the award-winning Intervale Center in Burlington, Vermont. This program will provide an intense, supportive experience where participants leave with a **Certificate in Sustainable Farming**, a deeper understanding of agricultural management and small-scale farming, and the entrepreneurial skills to start their own operation.

Who should apply? New and aspiring farmers, urban and community gardeners, students of sustainable agriculture, educators and activists who want to promote and sustain local food systems.

The main areas of study taught in the program are listed below.

ORGANIC CROP PRODUCTION

- Organic soil fertility management
- Compost production and use
- Propagation and greenhouse management
- Year round crop planning
- Harvest/post-harvest handling/storage
- Vegetable/flower/herb/fruit production

MARKETING

- CSA management
- Farmer's market management
- Wholesale – grocery and restaurant
- Legalities and regulations

PRACTICAL SKILLS

- Hand tool use
- Tractor and small equipment use

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

- Ag business planning
- Acquiring farmland
- Employee management
- Systems and record keeping

NUTRITION / CULINARY ARTS

- Cooking from the farm
- Preservation
- Storage

FARMSTEAD ARTS

- Fiber arts
- Value-added products

BEYOND THE FARM

- Field trips
- Independent projects

To learn about our partners and host farms please visit:

The Intervale Center, www.intervale.org | **Intervale Community Farm**, www.intervalecommunityfarm.com

Half Pint Farm, www.halfpintfarm.com | **Bread and Butter Farm**, www.breadandbutterfarm.com

City Market, www.citymarket.coop | To learn more or apply to the program, please visit learn.uvm.edu/farmerapprentice

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