



Agriculture Programs

Frequently Asked Questions

What programs are offered within the Agriculture Department at NGTC?

The Modern Agriculture Associate Degree and Diploma: Modern Agriculture Associate Degree and Diploma teaches students to apply knowledge of basic sciences to solve agricultural problems. In addition to studying the biology of plants and animals, students also learn about new technologies that can be applied to plant and animal production systems, resource management, the application of technologies to add value to agricultural production. The Modern Agriculture program allows the student to gain the appreciation for the reliance on natural resources, the basics of animal science, government involvement with food and agriculture, innovative technology within commercial agriculture and food processing, and global impacts of food and agriculture.

Agribusiness Degree and Diploma: Agribusiness is the study of the business and economics of the agriculture industry. Agribusiness possess many unique challenges and opportunities including risks and uncertainties of agricultural production, reliance on natural resources, government involvement with food and agriculture, competitive nature of the agribusiness sector, innovative technology within commercial agriculture and food processing, and global impacts of food and agriculture. The agribusiness curriculum allows individuals to gain an appreciation for management and technology concepts needed for the agricultural industry. This program develops knowledge and skills in management, production, and marketing as related to agribusiness management.

Sustainable Urban Agriculture Technician Certificate: This certificate prepares the student for a career in sustainable, small-scale food production that integrates economic profitability and environmental stewardship. Courses provide hands-on experience in the fundamentals of plant production and marketing, giving the student a complete knowledge of the sustainable farmer's market system.

When will the program begin?

Students are currently being accepted into all of the agriculture programs listed above.

We will offer the initial introductory agriculture courses beginning Spring Semester 2019.

How do I apply?

- Submit an Application for Admission/Readmission (<https://northgatech.edu/students/admissions>)
- Pay a one-time \$25 application fee.
- Fully and accurately answer all the residency questions on the application and provide a certified birth certificate (or other information) to prove lawful presence in the US if seeking in-state tuition.
- Submit official, sealed high school/GED transcripts. Opened transcripts are not official and are invalid.
- Submit official, sealed transcript from ALL colleges attended. Opened transcripts are not official and are invalid.
- Take the Accuplacer Placement Test or submit valid ACT or SAT scores (applicants must have a valid picture ID to test). Transfer students with appropriate English and math courses may not be required to test.

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or HOPE Scholarship/Grant application. The FAFSA is the application for both the Federal Pell Grant AND the HOPE Scholarship/Grant. The application is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Visit our website at www.northgatech.edu for additional information. THE SCHOOL CODE FOR NORTH GEORGIA TECH IS 005619.

Where will the program be offered?

The full program will only be offered on the Clarkesville Campus at this time. Agriculture students may enroll in their General Education and College Success course(s) at any of NGTC's 3 campuses.

How long does it take to complete the program?

Agribusiness and Modern Agriculture AAS Degrees require 5-6 semesters to complete as a full-time student (12 or more credit hours per semester).

Agribusiness and Modern Agriculture Diplomas require 4 semesters to complete as a full-time student (12 or more credit hours per semester).

Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certificate requires 2 semesters to complete as a full-time student (12 or more credit hours per semester).

Core requirements vary according to credit load and individual student flexibility in scheduling.

For complete program and course information, please see our College Catalog and Student Handbook which is available at <https://northgatech.edu/about-the-college/college-catalog>

Can my prior college coursework be applied to the program?

Official college transcripts will be reviewed by the Registrar's Office per the official transfer credit rules and course validity periods outlined in the Transfer Admission section of North Georgia Technical College Catalog, which is available at www.northgatech.edu . Only the Registrar's office may approve transferred courses for credit.

What job opportunities exist for graduates?

The agriculture industry continues to be a driving force in our area economy. Some potential employment opportunities include:

- Agriculture equipment and product sales
- Farm technicians
- Farm management
- Agritourism
- Educational research programs
- Agriculture related construction and equipment installation
- Livestock production
- Agriculture associated financial and insurance companies
- Agriculture based government agencies

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