Check Your Learning Tool

The purpose of the Check Your Learning Tool is to help you identify areas of the Toolkit that may be of use to you. You may not need any of the resources in this toolkit, you may need just a few or you may benefit from quite a few supports. By targeting specific areas of learning that will be important to your success in college-level programming, you can be as prepared as possible for success.

The purpose of this checklist is to provide you a basic self-assessment of how prepared you feel returning to school in the Horticulture Technician apprenticeship program, so you can identify areas where you might want to focus on improving.

To get started we recommend printing out the checklist below. Once you've done this, read each statement and determine if it applies to you. If it does, then mark Y (for yes). If it doesn't, mark N (for no).

1. Y__ N__ I can describe my learning style(s)

2. Y__ N__ I can identify strategies to get ready to return to learning

3. Y__ N__ I know how to study effectively

4. Y__ N__ I can identify strategies to reduce stress

5. Y__ N__ I know how to accurately identify most common plants

6. Y__ N__ I can read reference and equipment manuals, e.g., read reference manuals to

    learn about essential plant nutrients

7. Y__ N__ I know what verbal and non-verbal communication is and why it is important in

    the workplace

8. Y__ N__ I know about free upgrading programs in my community

9. Y__ N__ I am familiar with study skills

10. Y__ N__ I understand math, including how to do basic fractions and work with decimals

11. Y__ N__ I know how to work well with others in the workplace

12. Y__ N__ I can write short reports, e.g., write short reports to describe incidents that

    resulted in damaged property and injuries to workers

13. Y__ N__ I know how to interpret plant hardiness zones

14. Y__ N__ I can describe some learning strategies for my learning style(s)

15. Y__ N__ I know tips to speak successfully in public

16. Y__ N__ I know strategies to take care of myself so that I can study

17. Y__ N__ I know strategies to answer questions in exams/tests

18. Y__ N__ I am familiar with memorization techniques to help with plant identification

19. Y__ N__ I know how to use a measuring tape

20. Y__ N__ I know how to access supports related to going to college (how to find my

    class(es), how to apply for Employment Insurance (EI), etc.)

21. Y__ N__ I know how to motivate myself and stay motivated

22. Y__ N__ I can locate data such as blooming schedules, identification numbers, ingredients

    and quantities in moderately complex lists and tables

23. Y__ N__ I know what learning disabilities supports exist at the college I will be attending

24. Y__ N__ I can write a note to a coworker

25. Y__ N__ I know how to manage my time well

26. Y__ N__ I understand how to convert imperial to metric (inches to metres) and vice versa

27. Y__ N__ I know how to reduce my anxiety around math

28. Y__ N__ I know what factors affect plant survival

29. Y__ N__ I can identify common plant identification strategies

30. Y__ N__ I know about English as a Second Language programming in my community

Look at the table below and circle all the question numbers that you answered "Y" (yes) to.

Categories/Modules	Question Numbers
	Circle all the questions that you answered "Y" (yes) to
Learning More about Yourself as a Learner	1, 14, 23
Success in Returning to School	2, 4, 9, 21, 25
Study Habits	3, 16, 18
Foundational Skills • Introduction to Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance • Planting • Grounds Maintenance • Safety at Work	6, 12, 22, 24
Interpersonal and Employability Skills	7, 11, 15, 21, 25
Trades Math	10, 19, 26, 27
Plant Identification	5, 13, 28, 29
Other Resources	8, 20, 30

If you answered "yes" to two or more questions in any category listed above, we recommend reviewing the module for those categories. If you have one "yes" or less in one of the categories, you are probably proficient enough in that area that you don't require additional help. However, no matter how you score it's always advisable to review all modules to help you improve your study skills and academic performance.

You will find all the modules in the Prior Learning Toolkit Google Drive.