NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
HRT 267 – SILK AND DRIED FLOWER ARRANGING (2 CR.)

Course Description
Teaches skills required for composition of silk or dried floral arrangements. Includes a discussion of silk floral materials, supplies needed, and use of appropriate dried florals. Lecture 1 hour. Laboratory 2 hours. Total 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose
Course broadens the flower design students knowledge and skill through the use of silks, preserved and dried flowers, foliages and fruits.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites
None. Students are expected to read and speak English on a twelfth grade level.

Course Objectives
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- Identify the various media and methods used to preserve flowers, foliage and fruit for permanent arrangements and herbariums
- Demonstrate silk and dried flower design techniques
- Employ art elements and principles of design into permanent arrangements
- Explore the use of permanent arrangements into a setting.

Major Topics to be Included

a. Air drying flowers
b. Pressing flowers and foliages
c. Understanding herbarium collections and preservation techniques
d. Desiccants used in flower preservation
e. Freeze drying flowers
f. Glycerin preservation techniques
g. Preserving fruits
h. Techniques in permanent wreathes
i. Framed pressed flower designs
j. Dried topiary designs
k. Manufacture and designing with silk flowers and foliages
l. Elements and principles of design