

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
HRT 260 - INTRODUCTION TO FLORAL DESIGN (3 CR.)**

Course Description

Teaches skills required for the composition of basic floral arrangements. Includes the history of design styles, identification of flowers and foliage, identification and use of equipment, and conditioning and handling of flowers. Lecture 2 hours. Laboratory 2 hours. Total 4 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

This course provides students with an opportunity to develop those skills which relate to the basic principles and practices of floral design.

Course Prerequisites/ Corequisites

Functional literacy in the English language.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course students should be able to:

- Create basic floral designs.
- Identify commonly used flowers and foliage, their care and handling.
- Identify and properly use the equipment and supplies used in floral design.

Major Topics to be Included

- a. Flower morphology
- b. Identification by family, species and common name of commonly used flowers
- c. Care and handling of cut flowers
- d. Use of equipment and supplies
- e. Principles and elements of design
- f. Bud vase design
- g. Symmetrical and asymmetrical designs
- h. Mass flower arrangements
- i. Centerpieces
- j. Christmas wreath and topiary construction
- k. The national and the international floral industry