

**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