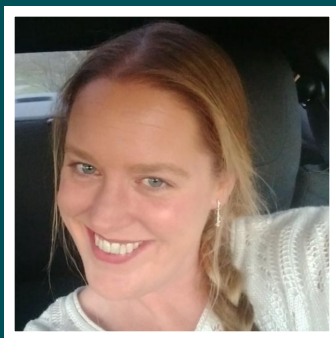




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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

SHORT-TERM PROGRAM



**Hands-on training at the
WVU Parkersburg
Riverhawk Farm**

Course Registration Process

1. Complete and submit a Workforce & Economic Development admissions application, selecting Sustainable Agriculture.
 - You may use our mini Surface Pros to fill out the electronic application, OR
 - If you choose to submit a paper application, please return it to Martha Leeson, Short-Term Program Coordinator, in the Workforce & Economic Development building at WVU Parkersburg.
2. West Virginia residents should fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application for the current award year at fafsa.ed.gov. File your FAFSA using our school code 003828.
3. West Virginia residents should complete the Higher Education Adult Part-Time Student (HEAPS) Workforce Application at wvhepc.org/secure/apps/applications/heaps/welcome.aspx. IMPORTANT: Keep your confirmation code presented at the end of the application process.
4. The WVU Parkersburg Financial Aid Office may contact you for additional information that will be needed in order to secure funding. Please be mindful to check emails regarding additional information needed by the Financial Aid Office.
5. For those not eligible for HEAPS workforce funding, payment plans are available through the WVU Parkersburg Business Office. If you are interested in a payment plan, please contact Martha Leeson at 304-424-8275 or Martha.Leeson@wvup.edu for further assistance.
6. You will receive an email from Martha Leeson with confirmation of course registration when all steps are complete and funding is secured.

For questions regarding the program, contact Amy Wilson at Amy.Wilson@wvup.edu or 982.9043.

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Sustainable Farming Program

There is a growing demand that farms use sustainable practices that protect the environment and ensure safe food supply. The agricultural certificate is designed for the student who seeks a breadth of knowledge in agriculture. Students will learn activities to prepare them to apply sustainable agricultural practices and business principles involved in the organization, operation and management of a farm, ranch or agribusiness. The cornerstone of the hands-on, experiential learning program is to increase the knowledge and skills necessary for sustainable agricultural practices and promote successful agribusinesses in our community.

Course topics & requirements

- Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture & Ranching
- Soil Sampling & Preparation
- Planting Methods
- Post-Harvest Handling & Food Safety
- Beekeeping
- Alternative Energy
- Networking & Joining Farmers' Associations
- Marketing & Budgeting
- And so much more!

To be successful, students must have physical attendance in each face-to-face class period.

Course cost: \$2,000 per person

Financial assistance is available to qualifying West Virginia residents.

