

# AGROECOLOGY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE

AT MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Thank you for your interest in the Agroecology Technician Certificate with McLennan Community College.

For this June 2026 group, 100% of the tuition, fees, and course materials are paid for by a grant. Because of this unique financial support, the training group is limited to 10 students.

This program equips students with the skills to support professionals in resource and wildlife management, environmental evaluation, and agriculture, and is taught over one traditional college semester. The training consists of online learning modules and hands-on field days at MCC's Highlander Ranch in Bosqueville.

This cohort's official start is 9 a.m. on June 1, 2026, at Highlander Ranch. Participants will meet at the Ranch for field days Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. until noon, until July 7. No face-to-face field days will be held on June 18, July 2, or July 3.

Students who complete and pass the MCC training are allowed to test for the Ducks Unlimited Ecology Conservation Management Certificate as well as earn the technician certificate from MCC. Those students are also eligible to receive college credit for AGCR 1341 Forage and Pasture Management, AGCR 2313 Soil & Water Conservation, HALT 1301 Principles of Horticulture, and WMGT 1323 Wildlife Conservation and Management.

For more information about the program, please contact, Dr. Christi Esquivel, [cesquivel@mclennan.edu](mailto:cesquivel@mclennan.edu) or Dr. Shannon K. Hill, [shill@mclennan.edu](mailto:shill@mclennan.edu), leaders of the project.

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4. After graduation, what are your plans?

5. How do you see this training program benefiting your educational plan?

This program requires attending in-person training days at MCC's Highlander Ranch.

What is your plan for transportation to get to Highlander Ranch to attend those required meetings?

This is an intensive training program in agriculture and ecology. It requires completing assignments, field exercises, laboratory assignments, and exams developed by McLennan Community College faculty and Ducks Unlimited.

What is your plan for navigating the requirements of this training program?

This training requires students to work through online modules outside of the mandatory field days at Highlander Ranch.

How do you plan to access the online modules? Do you have a laptop and reliable internet access to use for this program at home?

I understand that this program requires completing online learning modules and attending six face-to-face class meetings at Highlander Ranch. Failure to attend required meetings and/or satisfactorily complete online learning assessments will result in no college credit for the assigned courses. Absenteeism and/or unsatisfactory scores also disqualify the student from attempting the Duck's Unlimited certificate exam.

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature