

United We Blossom™

What is United We Blossom™ (UWB)? UWB is a job training initiative brought to you by City Grange and Get Growing Foundation. Our mission is to provide marketable skills and employment opportunity in the retail gardening and horticultural industry. In addition, training in core general business skills and competencies is included in this initiative.

UWB participants will be employed part-time by City Grange (an independent garden center and horticulture consulting business) during the period of training. This training will take place in 6 month increments, and UWB graduates will enjoy access to permanent employment or industry placement upon successful completion.

Participants can also participate in a competency based 3,000 hour apprenticeship to receive recognized manufacturing journey worker credentials. This Industrial Manufacturing Technician Apprenticeship is on-the-job training relevant to the production and manufacturing needs of the independent garden center industry. Multiple courses will be completed, and certifications received by participant.

Careers can follow three basic paths: manufacturing plants and products, retail and events, and/or client based services. United We Blossom is equipped to help you find your path!



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Build a career in the horticulture and independent garden center industry. Our real-world, Chicago-based initiative includes training, skill building, on-the-job experience and placement in:



FLORAL DESIGN

- ✓ Learn horticultural and floral design & production skills
- ✓ Create products for weekly on-site Flower Bar
- ✓ Promote locally produced products through events and networking



CONTAINER DESIGN

- ✓ Train in the Independent Garden Center industry
- ✓ Build products beneficial to home and small-scale gardeners
- ✓ Develop a comprehensive online retail marketplace



FOOD GARDENING

- ✓ Become an educated, organic gardener and apply plant production knowledge at job
- ✓ Receive certification in organic food growing practices
- ✓ Provide edible gardening education to clients and customers



PRODUCT CREATION

- ✓ Work with craftspeople to manufacture custom garden-focused products available only with us
- ✓ Make the products using local, sustainable, and American Made materials
- ✓ Train for Industrial Manufacturing Technician Journey worker credentials



HORTICULTURAL SERVICES

- ✓ Create garden spaces for private homes and for public enjoyment
- ✓ Provide education to home gardeners and plant owners
- ✓ Provide more skilled and experienced “hands” for client gardening services