



# VIVAFARMS

GROWING FARMERS, COMMUNITY & FOOD

# WANT TO START YOUR OWN FARM BUSINESS?

Complete Viva Farms' Practicum in Sustainable Agriculture to gain skills and experience in small-farm management!



**AVAILABLE IN BOTH SKAGIT & KING COUNTY  
APRIL TO NOVEMBER 2024**

- Land-based Training
- Certified Organic Production
- Farm Business Management
- Weekly Evening Classes
- Priority Access to Viva Farms' Incubator Program
- Spanish Interpretation in Skagit County

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 16, 2024  
APPLY NOW!**

More information available here:  
<https://vivafarms.org/practicum-in-sustainable-agriculture-2/>



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## FAQs

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Viva Farms is a non-profit Farm Business Incubator & Training Program. Our mission is to empower aspiring and limited-resource farmers by providing bilingual training in holistic organic farming practices, as well as access to land, infrastructure, equipment, marketing and capital.

### ➤➤ What is the Practicum in Sustainable Agriculture?

It's a land based, hands-on course in certified organic production & small farm business management that takes place over an entire farming season.

### ➤➤ Who should enroll?

- People interested in organic crop production and starting their own farm business.
- Farmworkers who want to become farm owners.
- People with a passion for agriculture, environmental stewardship, food & resilient communities.

### ➤➤ What is taught during the course?

#### Certified Organic Production:

- Certified organic production
- Seed propagation & greenhouse management
- Irrigation
- Cultivation & weed management
- Soil health & fertility management
- Pest & disease management
- Sales & Marketing
- Crop & Farm Planning
- Harvest & Post-Harvest Operations
- Food Safety

#### Small Farm Business Management:

- Business Planning & Set-Up
- Basic Bookkeeping & Financial Recordkeeping
- Profitability Analysis
- Regulatory Compliance
- Access to Capital
- Insurance & Farm Taxes

Graduates of the Practicum will be eligible to apply to participate in the Viva Farms incubator as an independent operator of their farm business.

### ➤➤ How much does it cost?

Viva Farms will not turn anyone away from the program due to lack of funds. Base tuition is \$1200. We also welcome community-supporter level tuition and have scholarships and payment plans available. More details about tuition, payment plans and scholarships are available at [www.vivafarms.org/practicum-in-sustainable-agriculture-2/](http://www.vivafarms.org/practicum-in-sustainable-agriculture-2/).

### ➤➤ When is it?

Class meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from April to November.

### ➤➤ Where is it?

The Practicum is offered at our student farms in Burlington in Skagit County (English and Spanish), and in Woodinville in King County (English only). Participants will complete the entire course at the location where they apply to. Online learning is not available.

### ➤➤ What is the time commitment?

6 hours/week: Tuesdays from 5:30pm-7:30pm + 4 hours minimum independent work.