



ENHANCING AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY VETERANS

The AG Tech to Success (AGTS) program, created by minority disabled veteran L. Jonathan Jackson, seeks to increase the diversity of veteran farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness entrepreneurs.

AG Tech to Success is a collaborative effort between Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC), Fort Valley State University (FVSU), and STAG Vets, Inc., that aims to increase the number of qualified veterans trained and educated in food and agriculture production through a comprehensive, hands-on model farm/ranch program within the central Georgia region.

To meet the specific needs of central Georgia's food and agriculture industries, Central Georgia Technical College developed the *Sustainable Small Farm and Agriculture Technician* program of study. The short-term specialized technical certificate of credit (TCC) includes hands-on training in the production, management, and marketing of small-scale food production on farmland provided by STAG Vets, Inc. and Fort Valley State University.

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AG Tech to Success Program Goals

- ▶ Provide learning experiences that offer training in sustainable agriculture systems and technologies to veterans
- ▶ Increase opportunities for veterans to pursue careers in food and agriculture
- ▶ Fill existing vacancies within Georgia's farming and agriculture infrastructure to assist with protecting state and national food security

The program's educational experience consists of post-secondary instruction, and co-curricular activities including:

- ▶ Guest lectures from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) representatives & local agriculture professionals
- ▶ Workshops and webinars
- ▶ Agriculture business tours
- ▶ Internships

SUSTAINABLE SMALL FARM AND AGRICULTURE TECHNICIAN TCC

COURSE TITLE	COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS
Introduction to Agribusiness	AGRB 1100	1
Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture	HORT 1100	3
Small Scale Food Production	HORT 1110	4
Farm Organization and Management	AGRB 2110	3
Survey of the Animal Industry	AGRB 2250	3
Agribusiness Internship	AGRB 2800	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS:		17

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