Oakton Community College offers a Horticulture Therapy Certificate (HTC) in partnership with the Chicago Botanic Garden. This new nine-credit-hour program combines online distance learning with classes held at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois. Students who successfully complete the program will learn to articulate the unique benefits of horticultural therapy; analyze critical HT issues; integrate HT activities into other health professions; and design and facilitate HT activities for individuals and groups.

Courses Offered April 1 – October 18, 2009

**Health Through Horticulture: Using Plants for Therapeutic Outcomes**

**HTC 101** (4 credit hours)
Course provides instruction in the history and theoretical framework of horticultural therapy, examination of horticultural therapy programs in a range of settings, design of a barrier-free therapeutic garden, and delivery of horticultural therapy skills. Course is conducted partly online and partly through a five-day, on-site experience at the Chicago Botanic Garden and nearby health care facilities. **Prerequisite:** Program admission and concurrent enrollment in HTC 110.

**Horticultural Therapy Application and Practicum**

**HTC 110** (5 credit hours)
Course continues the study of horticultural therapy. Students develop a mobile plant cart program; plan a renovation of indoor space for horticultural activities; generate a proposal for an income-generating horticultural therapy program; complete a pre-vocational training program proposal; and prepare a program proposal. The final project involves students delivering a variety of HT activities to various client groups in the Chicago area and includes a peer review component. **Prerequisite:** Concurrent enrollment in HTC 101.

**Tuition and fees** (approximate total): $3,400

**Prerequisites:** A baccalaureate degree, preferably from a health or human sciences field; coursework or documented work experience/professional training in the following areas: horticultural science, group theory, disabling conditions, therapeutic skills, and teaching/learning. Basic proficiency in computer and Internet use is recommended.

**Application deadline:** March 17, 2009.

Complete and submit according to instructions the online application available from Chicago Botanic Garden at www.chicagobotanic.org/school/certificate/hort.php.

Information about registration at Oakton Community College and participation in distance learning courses via WebCT will be included in your acceptance letter from Chicago Botanic Garden.

For more information, contact Julia Zanieski at htcertificate@chicagobotanic.org or 847.835.8246.