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## *A Credit to Its Name*



**Ontario's Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture has earned the distinction of being the first Canadian institution to receive accreditation from Virginia-based Professional Landcare Network (PLANET). The school's ornamental horticulture diploma program has been accredited at the four-year bachelor degree level.**

PLANET is an international trade association representing 4,000 member firms across Canada and the U.S. engaged in all aspects of landscaping, from construction and design to erosion control and irrigation. After an extensive application review process, accreditation is offered to colleges and universities with landscape/horticultural curricula that meet or exceed industry standards.

Although the school's diploma program is only three years long, it successfully satisfied PLANET's four-year bachelor degree level accreditation criteria, thanks to the intensive education the students receive. The program, which runs 48 weeks per year, comprises more than 35 courses, as well as practical training totalling more than 5,568 hours during its 36-month duration. **SOURCE GUIDE, PAGE 93**

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