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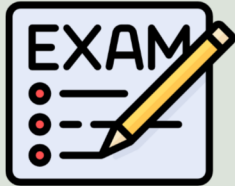


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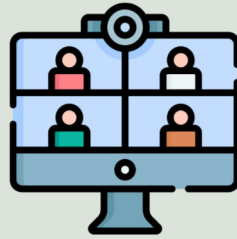
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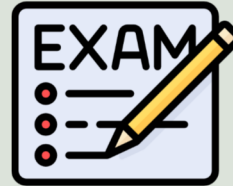


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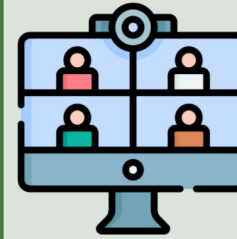
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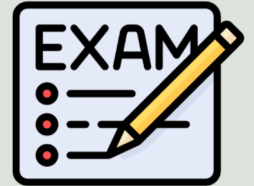


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WI Master Gardeners are credentialed by the Extension Master Gardener Program. Master Gardeners are considered volunteers of the organization for which they provide volunteer service. To remain Certified for the following year:

- You report at least 24 hours of volunteer service and at least 10 hours of continuing education into the Online Reporting System (ORS) by December 31.
- You agree to Terms and Conditions.

You can count your volunteer service throughout the state as long as the organization and activity meet the program requirements (as defined in the Onboarding class).

The Extension Master Gardener Program only accepts a volunteer's service hours from organizations who:

- Provide a public benefit.
- Are not a private/commercial business or a for-profit organization.
- Do not engage in discriminatory practices.

Master Gardeners focus on items that are related to the growing and maintenance of terrestrial plants. The volunteer work of Master Gardeners must focus on at least one of three main activities: gardening, educating others, or administration (must be directly related to horticulture/gardening).

To learn more, contact the horticulture educator for Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire Counties at 715-726-7957 (office) or 715-382-3253 (cell).

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