


Growing Agricultural Science Teachers Program
AGRI 190: Introduction to Ag Education Course (Required)
Paid Internship Opportunity (Optional)

Highland Community College’s Growing Agricultural Science Teachers Program gives college and high school students the opportunity to take the fully online three credit hour [AGRI 190: Introduction to Agricultural Education Course](#) at no cost to the students. This course runs in the spring semester, starting in January and ending in May. Enrollment in this course is the only requirement for the program. Program participants may take advantage of the [Optional Paid Internship](#) by working alongside an agriculture educator in the high school or community setting. The optional internship experience requires 40 hours of work, submitted via monthly work logs and reflections. Successful completion of hours and log sheets along with a satisfactory supervisor report and an achievement of a C or better in the AGRI 190 course will result in a \$500 stipend minimum paid out in the month of May.

Program Timeline

September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program information is released to students, parents, and teachers.
August- October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student submits GAST Program Application by end of October. 
August- December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action necessary if only taking AGRI 190 and not participating in the optional paid internship opportunity. Students opting in to the paid internship opportunity must complete and return the Optional Paid Internship Agreement Form to Monica Pierce. Then, they may begin interning (but they can also wait until January!) with agriculture teacher, logging hours and reflections utilizing the Monthly Internship Work Log and Reflection Sheets to be paid out in May upon satisfactory completion of all requirements.
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student completes and submits HCC application, course registration forms, and W9.
January- May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student begins AGRI 190: Introduction to Agricultural Education course by accessing Moodle, our online classroom. Student completes weekly assignments shared in Moodle and outlined in the AGRI 190 Course Syllabus. Students opting in to the paid internship opportunity will begin or continue interning with agriculture teacher, submitting Monthly Internship Work Log and Reflection Sheets to be paid out in May upon satisfactory completion of all requirements.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperating teacher submits Supervisor Evaluation Report. AGRI 190 course final grades are posted. Students opting into and successfully completing paid internship opportunity requirements will receive minimum \$500 stipend payment.