



The Permaculture Institute Diploma Program Outline

Design Your Diploma (at acceptance into the program and initial registration)

- 1.5 hours of initial mentorship by phone, video conferencing, or in person.
- Create flexible learning plans every six months that include sites you want to visit, books you want to read, classes you want to take, articles you want to write, and the design projects you will be working on for the Design Projects Portfolio.
- Include how you are going to achieve your goals, what challenges you may face, how you will keep momentum, stay organized, and celebrate achievements.
- Include dedicated time for documentation (a critical step).
- Adapt your learning design along the way. You are likely to encounter new opportunities, and we want participants to feel free to allow for those.

Documentation

- Choose one project to document in-depth up to 15 presentation pages.
- Other design projects can be documented concisely, about 5 presentation pages.
- Take plenty of photos. For physical sites, it's important to take 'before' photos.
- Express yourself in whatever creative form is of most interest to you.

Mentorship

- Two 1.5 hour mentorships session are required each year of enrollment for encouragement, support, feedback, dialogue, and guidance.

Mid-Program Review (at the mid-point of the program)

- Submit amended learning designs as well as a mid-point progress report.
- 1.5 hours of mid-point mentorship by phone, video conferencing, or in person.
- Receive written feedback and suggestions on progress so far.

Final Review (when Design Projects Portfolio is nearing completion)

- Submit draft Design Projects Portfolio.
- 1.5 hours of final review mentorship by phone, video conferencing, or in person.
- Receive written feedback and advice on creating an outstanding Final Portfolio.

Final Portfolio Requirements

- Include complete Design Projects Portfolio as detailed on the website.
- Creatively share about your learning journey and its highlights, accomplishments and intentions for the future. This could be done in any way you like in any medium, including picture, video, music, sculpture, drawing or poem.
- Include a letter of intention for your next steps including some goals, challenges, strategies and practices that you can use to design for success.
- Letters of recommendation from teachers, clients or students are encouraged.

Final Submission

- Submit final portfolio to Diploma Program Coordinator.
- Present your Final Portfolio to peers of your choosing in-person or online.
- Permaculture Institute staff will review your Final Portfolio and provide feedback.