This training program provides students with the necessary skills and abilities to meet standard operating procedures in all job functions. Students are instructed on how to properly manage; soil preparation, propagation, transplanting, watering/fertigation, defoliation, trimming and pruning, harvesting, and inventory management. Other topics include: monitoring and inspecting crops to determine plant health (identifying pests and disease), taking pest control measures to maintain crop health, and cleaning and sanitizing production rooms and equipment.

**Suggested Background:** Generally, participants should be familiar with horticulture or similar industry (agricultural, food, pharmaceutical) operations. Experience in greenhouse and/or agricultural operations would be beneficial.

Hosted at the University of Guelph campus in collaboration with the Controlled Environment Systems Research Facility, Cannabis Compliance Inc. is pleased to present a Cannabis Primer course for individuals looking to gain insight into the production component of this emerging industry.

**Date:** April 29 – May 3, 2019  
**Cost:** $599 + tax  
**Time:** 9:00am – 3:00pm, Monday to Friday  
**Location:** University of Guelph  
Ontario Veterinary College  
Lifetime Learning Centre  
Bldg 77, Rm 1715  
*(access from McGilvary Street)*  
**Instructors:** Nico Haché  
Dr. Dixon  
Dr. Graham

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After receiving a diploma in Greenhouse and Nursery Production, Nico gained significant experience in the horticulture industry across Canada. His initial years of working in vegetable, flower, and shrub propagation, eventually lead Nico to a position as head horticulturalist at one of North America’s largest forest seedling companies (producing 24 million seedlings annually). Once the medical marijuana industry developed, Nico joined a licensed producer at the early stages of development as Director of Operations and helped make this company a leader in the industry.

Dr. Graham, Adjunct Professor, has been involved in Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) research for over 20 years, including a three-year post-doctoral fellowship at NASA's Kennedy Space Center. Dr. Graham's experience is diverse and includes participation in research activities from Canada's high Arctic to the Antarctic, as well as parabolic, suborbital and other spaceflight activities. On a more local level, Dr. Graham has been active in developing agricultural water remediation technologies, plant-environment interaction research, addressing food insecurity through CEA, resource recovery technologies for CEA crop production, and biosecurity in CEA.

Dr. Mike Dixon is a Professor in the School of Environmental Sciences and Director of the Controlled Environment Systems Research Facility (CESRF), University of Guelph. He served as Chair of the Department of Environmental Biology from 2003-2008. Dr. Dixon joined the University as a NSERC University Research Fellow after earning his PhD from Edinburgh University in Scotland and holding a post-doctoral position at the University of Toronto.

As project leader for the Canadian research team investigating the contributions of plants to life support in space, Dr. Dixon formed the Space and Advanced Life Support Agriculture (SALSA) program at the University of Guelph. This program currently represents Canada's main contribution to the international space science objectives in biological life support and collaborates with NASA and the Canadian and European Space Agencies. The CESRF is among the world's leading research venues for technology developments and research dedicated to studying plant and microbial interactions in advanced life support systems. The technical “pull” of space exploration has aided the development of a wide range of technologies that have spun off into applications in terrestrial agri-food sectors and most notably the phyto-pharmaceutical (medicine from plants) sector in recent years.