

Winterbourne Centre for Horticulture

Course Profile

RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance

Costs: Course Fee £495, RHS Examination Fee: £56

28 Thursdays from 28 September 2017, from 10am-2.15pm

Course summary

This theory course is intended for those for those that have a general interest in horticulture or wishing to work in professional horticulture in a variety of roles.

The course provides the underpinning scientific knowledge of garden planning, selecting and establishing a range of garden plants. Also covered are the principles behind growing food crops outdoors and growing under protection: house plants, glasshouses and conservatory growing. To achieve the qualification you will sit exams in February and June or you may wish to study just for interest. The units in the qualification are designed for part-time study so it is particularly suitable for those who are working in the industry and wishing to study part-time in order to progress their careers or prepare for further study at level 3.

Course content

The qualification provides knowledge of the scientific principles which underpin horticultural practices. The qualification consists of four mandatory units which cover the following topics:

- Understanding garden features, plant selection and planning
- Understanding the choice, establishment and maintenance of garden plants and lawns
- Understanding the production of outdoor vegetables and fruit
- Understanding protected environments and their use in plant cultivation

Assessment

Assessment is by written examination through four modular exams that cover the content of the units being studied.

Examinations can be sat in February or in June. To sit the examinations a registration fee of £14 per examination will be payable. Please note it is not mandatory for you to sit the examinations but if you gain a pass of all four units you will be awarded a RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Propagation and Development.

Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements needed to study the RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning Establishment and Maintenance. A good standard of written English is required to successfully sit the examinations.

Progression

You could progress on to other Level 2 certificates in horticulture; for example the RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Propagation and Development or the RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture; or on to Level 3 study.

Please note completion of all 3 Certificates at Level 2 entitles you to claim a full RHS level 2 Diploma in Horticulture.

Course Dates

This course will take place on 28 Thursdays from September 2017 to June 2018. We intend to run lessons on the following dates, but additional dates may become necessary should staff sickness or other unforeseeable events prevent one of these lessons from taking place.

Autumn Term 2017

September 28th, October 5th, 12th and 19th; November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th; December 7th, 14th

Spring Term 2018

January 18th, 25th; February 1st, (exams on 5th and 6th), 8th, 15th; March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Summer Term 2018

April 19th, 26th; May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th; June 7th, 14th, (exams on 18th and 19th)