



Winterbourne Centre for Horticulture

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

Costs: Course Fee £510, RHS Examination Fee: £64

30 Wednesdays from 26 September 2018, from 10.15am-2pm

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 will be sat in February and in June. To sit the examinations a registration fee of £16 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 Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance.

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 30 Wednesdays from September 2018 to June 2019. 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 2018

September 26th; October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th; November 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th; December 5th, 12th, 19th

Spring Term 2019

January 16th, 23rd, 30th; February 6th, (exams on 12th), 27th; March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th; April 3rd, 10th

Summer Term 2019

May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd; June 5th, 12th, 19th, (exams on 25th)