

Winterbourne Centre for Horticulture

RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Propagation and Development

Costs: Course Fee £565, RHS Examination Fee: £76

31 Thursdays from 23rd September 2021, from 10.30am-2.15pm (includes half an hour lunch)

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 plants growth and development. Also covered are the principles behind successful plant propagation as well as dealing with plant pests, diseases and disorder. 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:

- Plant classification, structure and function
- Plant nutrition and the root environment
- Maintaining plant health
- Understanding plant propagation

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 £19 per examination will be payable. Please note it is not mandatory for you to sit the examinations but only if you gain a pass in all four units will you 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 Plant Growth, Propagation and Development. 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 Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance 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. Those wishing to complete this diploma will need to plan carefully as there are changes planned to the RHS Qualifications which will impact this diploma.

Course Dates

This course will take place on 31 Thursdays from September 2021 to June 2022. 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.

In the event of any significant disruption (such as further coronavirus lockdowns) we will endeavour to reschedule lessons where appropriate.

Autumn Term 2021

September 23rd, 30th; October 7th, 14th, 21st; November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; December 2nd, 9th, 16th,

Spring Term 2022

January 13th, 20th, 27th; February 3rd, (examinations currently scheduled for the 7th Feb), 10th, 17th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st; April 7th,

Summer Term 2022

April 21st, 28th; May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th; June 9th, (examinations currently scheduled for 20th June)