Winterbourne Centre for Horticulture

RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

Costs: The cost of this course is £1425 including all assessment costs.

Lessons: 32 Fridays or 32 Saturdays from the mid September 2023, running 10am-3.15pm (includes 45 min lunch).

Course summary

This course is intended for those that wish to work in professional horticulture or would like to increase their personal horticultural skills.

You will cover a variety of practical skills including planting, pruning and propagation of plants; establishment and maintenance of turf and the maintenance of garden features. You will also learn about a variety of plants, pests and diseases.

Course content

The qualification consists of the following eight topics:

- Plant Identification – identify a range of plants
- Plant Establishment – in containers and open ground
- Plant Propagation – professional propagation
- Plant Health – identify and prevent a range of threats to plant health
- Plant Care – garden maintenance plans
- Plant Pruning – pruning including using hand tools and hedge trimmers
- Garden Features – maintain a range of features
- Grassed Areas – establish and maintain turf

Assessment

Assessment is through an online assessment test and in person practical assessment tests. The practical tests involve being observed carrying out a number of practical activities and answering underpinning knowledge questions relating to the units studied. There will also be a plant identification.

Winterbourne will support learners in carrying out the online test at home – this cannot be done at the centre. You will need access to a computer capable of running the RHS qualification assessment software as there is not a paper alternative.
Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements needed to study the Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture, however your application must demonstrate an interest in and enthusiasm for horticulture and gardening. Please also note that as this is a practical course, it does make physical demands, including digging. Learners must be over the age of 16.

Progression

If you achieve this qualification, you will have gained a range of practical horticultural skills relevant to employment in various roles in the horticultural sector, such as a gardener in private, public, or botanic gardens or parks and urban green spaces.

You could progress on to other Level 2 certificates in horticulture or on to Level 3 study.

Please note, successful completion of both Certificates at Level 2 entitles you to achieve the RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles and Practices of Horticulture.

Course Dates

This course will take place on 32 Fridays or Saturdays from September 2023 to June 2024. Lessons take place from 10am – 3.15pm and include a 45 minute lunch break.

Planned dates are listed below but please note that advertised dates are subject to change should a class need to be cancelled or postponed.

Additional Information

You will be required to wear suitable clothing for working outside and to provide your own protective footwear and gloves. Once the assessment dates are finalised, they cannot be rescheduled. The online assessment is also unable to be rescheduled. There will be resit opportunities for an additional fee.
Fridays

September 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 29\textsuperscript{th}

October 6\textsuperscript{th}, 13\textsuperscript{th}, 20\textsuperscript{th}, 27\textsuperscript{th}

November 10\textsuperscript{th}, 17\textsuperscript{th}, 24\textsuperscript{th},

December 1\textsuperscript{st}, 8\textsuperscript{th}, 15\textsuperscript{th},

January 12\textsuperscript{th}, 19\textsuperscript{th}, 26\textsuperscript{th},

February 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 9\textsuperscript{th}, 23\textsuperscript{rd}

March 1\textsuperscript{st}, 8\textsuperscript{th}, 15\textsuperscript{th}, 22\textsuperscript{nd}, *

Practical assessment 1 likely March 2024

April 12\textsuperscript{th}, 19\textsuperscript{th}, 26\textsuperscript{th},

May 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 10\textsuperscript{th}, 17\textsuperscript{th}, 24\textsuperscript{th},

June 7\textsuperscript{th}, 14\textsuperscript{th}, 21\textsuperscript{st}, 28\textsuperscript{th} (online assessment June 2024)

Practical assessment 2 likely June 2024

* one of these sessions will be dropped when the date for the assessments has been scheduled and finalised.

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Saturdays

September 23rd, 30th,
October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th,
November 11th, 18th, 25th,
December 2nd, 9th, 16th
January 13th, 20th, 27th
February 3rd, 10th, 24th
March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, *

Practical assessment 1 likely March 2024

April 13th, 20th, 27th,
May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th,
June 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th (online assessment June 2024)

Practical assessment 2 likely June 2024

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