RHS Level 3 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

Costs: The cost of this course is £1795 including all assessment costs.

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

Course summary

This level 3 course is part of the new suite of level 3 certificates being offered by the RHS. It aims to improve existing knowledge of many of the principles unpinning horticultural practices. It is suitable for learners wanting progress within a horticultural profession; or for those who also have a Level 2 understanding of the subject and wish to build on their knowledge.

This is a new syllabus course. For those who have already achieved some of their level 3 certificates, please make sure you are familiar with the transition pathways to finish your studies.

Course content

The qualification consists of the following eight topics:

- Plant Knowledge – identification and propagation of plants and their sourcing
- Creating Planted Areas – site preparation and planting schemes
- Maintaining Planted Areas – management and maintenance planning
- Plant Health – specialist plant health, pest and disease control
- Productive Growing – cultivation for consumption
- Protected Growing – cultivation and growing within structures
- Ecological and Sustainable Plantings – selection, establishment and maintenance
- Landscaping Materials – planning and maintaining hard landscaping features

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.

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

Applicants should hold a Level 2 qualification in horticulture or a related subject or be able to provide evidence that you are working at this level.

Progression

The qualification, when combined with other appropriate Level 3 horticultural knowledge qualifications, supports progression to further learning on Level 4 courses in horticulture, or entry to specialist horticultural training programmes.

Course Dates

All date and assessment details are still to be confirmed. We are awaiting more information from RHS Qualifications.

The course will be running on Saturdays and we will aim to remain within Birmingham school term times.