

Winterbourne Centre for Horticulture

RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

Costs: The cost of this course is £1675 including initial assessment costs. There is a breakdown of deposit details available at the end of this document.

Lessons: Up to 32 Fridays or 32 Saturdays from the mid September 2024, running 10am-3.15pm (includes 45 min lunch). The number of lessons depends on the dates of the assessments (tbc).

Course summary

This course is intended for those 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 test.



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. RHS policy states that learners need to be able to physically meet essential assessment requirements of the course. 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 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

Enrolment 20th September

September 27th,

October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

November 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

December 6th, 13th,

January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

February 7th, 14th, 28th,

March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th,

(Practical assessment day 1 likely one of these March sessions)

April 4th, 11th,

May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd,

June 6th, 13th, (Online assessment 20th) 27th

(Practical assessment day 2 likely one of these June dates)

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Saturdays

Enrolment 21st September

September 28th,

October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

November 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

December 7th, 14th,

January 11th, 18th, 25th,

February 1st, 8th, 15th,

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th,

(Practical assessment day 1 likely one of these March sessions)

April 5th, 12th,

May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,

June 7th, 14th, (Online assessment 20th) 28th

(Practical assessment day 2 likely one of these June dates)

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Course Title	Course Fees	Deposit Amount	Second Payment	Final Payment
RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture	£1675	£570	£560	£545

