

Winterbourne Centre for Horticulture

RHS Level 3 Award in Horticultural Investigation

Costs: The cost of this course is £850 including initial assessment costs. There is a breakdown of deposit details available at the end of this document.

Lessons: This is a research qualification. There will be 9 guided sessions in centre on Saturdays (dates tbc) and the majority of the work will take place at home.

Course summary

This qualification provides the opportunity for learners to investigate areas of personal or professional interest; seeking opportunities to apply their knowledge of skills gained through theoretical or practical study, or from workplace experience.

Course content

Carry out a project, with guidance from a project supervisor (your tutor). The structure of the qualification is as follows:

- Initial project proposal – proposal and plan
- Investigation and research – methodology, sources and analysis
- Project skills – project management, developing arguments, decision making
- Content and presentation – format, content and presentation

Assessment

Learners will need to submit an Initial Project Proposal, agreed with their supervisor. After carrying out the investigation and research, a final written project (4000 – 4500 words) will be externally assessed. Finally, learners will partake in a professional discussion about the approach and content of their project.



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. A good standard of written English and knowledge of research skills are required to complete this qualification.

The skills and knowledge required for the investigative project can be acquired through the study of other RHS certificates at level 3. Consequently, this qualification is likely to be undertaken alongside or after completion of these qualifications. The award can also provide a unique CPD opportunity for those in the horticultural sector.

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

There will be 9 guided sessions – approximately monthly – and dates are to be confirmed.

Course payment breakdown

| Course Title | Course Fees | Deposit Amount | Second Payment | Final Payment |
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| RHS Level 3 Award in Horticultural Investigation | £850 | £300 | £275 | £275 |

