



Winterbourne Centre for Horticulture

RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Garden Planning and Applied Propagation

Costs: The cost of this course is £1975 including initial assessment costs. . There is a breakdown of deposit details available at the end of this document.

Lessons: 32 Wednesdays from mid September 2024, running 10am-3.15pm (includes 45 min lunch).

Course summary

This level 3 course is part of the recently updated suite of level 3 certificates being offered by the RHS. It is aimed at those with a specialist personal interest in maintaining and developing gardens. 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.

Course content

The qualification consists of the two units split into eight topics. Topic include underpinning knowledge of the following:

- Horticultural Heritage – history, impact and importance of horticultural spaces
- Plant Knowledge – plant diversity, information sources and managing plants in gardens
- Plant Selection and Cultivation – planning maintenance; selecting and combining plants
- Plant Propagation – advanced techniques and developing protocols

- Garden Styles and Specialist Areas – style, hard landscape elements and managing trees
- Productive Growing – growing systems, optimising yield, research and development
- Gardens Management – managing people and resources; planning projects
- Gardens, People and Spaces – communities, wellbeing and evaluation

Assessment

Assessment is by written examination through two in person exams that cover the content of the units being studied. Each exam is 120 minutes long. Examinations will be sat in February and in June. Examination fees are included in the cost of the course but further costs will be incurred if resits are needed.

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 is required to successfully sit the examinations.

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

This course will take place on 32 Wednesdays 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.

Please note that exam dates cannot be rescheduled.

Wednesdays

Enrolment 18th September

September 25th,

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

November 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th,

December 4th, 11th, 18th

January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th,

February 5th, (exam 12th Feb) 26th,

March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th,

April 2nd, 9th, 30th,

May 7th, 14th, 21st,

June 4th, 11th, 18th, (exam 25th /26th June)



PLEASE NOTE, AT THIS STAGE THESE DATES ARE PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Course payment breakdown

| Course Title | Course Fees | Deposit Amount | Second Payment | Final Payment |
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| RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Garden Planning and Applied Propagation | £1975 | £690 | £650 | £635 |