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Winterbourne Certificate in Garden Design

Costs: The cost of this course is £1470 including assessment costs.

Lessons: Once a week on Wednesdays from mid September 2025. There will be some weeks off as drawing weeks. Lessons will run from 10am-3.15pm (includes 45 min lunch).

Entry requirements

Learners will need to have a Level 2 horticultural qualification or relevant experience in the Horticulture industry.

Course content

This qualification is suitable for learners who wish to develop skills and knowledge in garden design. It aims to extend and further develop learners' skills, knowledge and understanding of the creative process when developing and designing gardens.

During the course learners will create a portfolio of drawings and designs for a range of gardens. These will include Winterbourne site based scenarios, a clients garden in Birmingham, free choice gardens for you to identify and a show garden or show border.

The learning programme will include:

1. Formal lecture sessions
2. Practical sessions
3. Written assignments
4. Practical assessments/ assignments.

To create these drawings and plans learners will need to purchase or have access to drawing equipment. A list will be distributed to learners prior the start of the course.

Learning Outcomes

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Learning outcome	Criteria - Learners will be able to:
1. Understand the context of historic garden styles to modern gardens	1.1- describe a range of historic garden styles
	1.2 – describe a range of contemporary garden designers influencing current practice
2. Develop skills in designing gardens	2.1 Be able to survey and carry out site appraisals for a range of sites and clients.
	2.2 Develop concept plans for a range of clients and sites
	2.3 Develop graphic drawings and plans for gardens – survey plan, concept plan, planting plan, layout plans
	2.4 Develop graphic drawings to support garden design plans – elevations, axonometric drawings, perspective drawing, colour rendering.
3. Understanding the professional process of creating gardens	3.1 develop a knowledge of garden specification and contractual documentation
	3.2 Investigate Creative Enterprise and Employment Opportunities in garden design
	3.3 Calculate costs of new garden landscape projects.
4. Understanding selection and use of plants for garden	4.1 Select a range of woody and herbaceous plants for gardens for specific purposes - aesthetic, functional, commercial, or sustainable purposes
	4.2 Prepare planting plans for a range of gardens
	4.3 Describe how to establish a range of garden plants
5. Understand the selection and construction of hard landscaping in gardens	5.1 Select a range of hard landscape features for specific purposes – aesthetic, functional, commercial, sustainable
	5.2 Prepare hard landscape plans for a range of gardens
	5.3 Describe how to construct a range of hard landscape features

Assessment

Assessment will be ongoing by building your portfolio of designs created throughout the course; along with tutor marked reports and research assignments. Please note, this course is accredited by NCFE and not the RHS.

The assessment criteria to achieve your qualification is;

- Use Materials, Tools and Equipment to Develop Design Techniques
- Investigate Creative Enterprise and Employment Opportunities
- Develop Design Ideas
- Create, Present and Evaluate Final Art and Design Item

(All units are mandatory)

Qualification received

Successful completion of the course and achievement of all assessments will mean that learners receive the NCFE Level 2 Creative Craft Certificate in Art and Design (Garden Design). Learners will also receive a Winterbourne Certificate in Garden design from Winterbourne House and Garden on completion of the course.

Deposit details

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Course Title	Course Fees	Deposit Amount	Second Payment	Final Payment
Winterbourne Certificate in Garden Design	£1470	£550	£460	£460

Course Dates

This course will take place on Wednesdays from September 2024. Lessons take place from 10am – 3.15pm and include a 45 minute lunch break. Drawing week dates will be dotted throughout the year and are yet to be confirmed.

September 17th, 24th,

October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

December 3rd, 10th, 17th

January 14th, 21st, 28th

February 4th, 11th, 25th

March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

April 8th, 22nd, 29th,

May 6th, 13th, 20th,

June 3rd, 10th, 17th,

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