

Get into Learning...

Horticulture

RHS Level 2

Key course information





These qualifications are for people who are looking for route to employment in professional horticulture or wish to further develop your existing gardening skills. Each certificate is a stand-alone qualification, but if you complete all three, you will achieve the **RHS Level 2 Diploma in the Principles and Practices of Horticulture**.

The courses include practical skills and theoretical knowledge, and cover a range of horticulture topics and up-to-date working practices. You will need a good level of English to join and you will first need to attend the **Working Outdoors – Horticulture and Gardening Taster**.

RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

This practical qualification will help you develop the essential skills needed to work in horticulture or to further develop your interest. The course usually runs for 23 weeks and you will attend for six hours per week. Homework may be required.

Course content

- Soil testing
- Sowing seeds and vegetative propagation techniques
- Practical skills in ground preparation for seeding and planting
- Practical skills in establishing seeds and plants in soil
- Care and pruning of plants
- Identification of common garden plants, weeds, diseases and disorders and beneficial organisms.

Learners will be able to complete work from a range of optional units to develop specialist practical skills.

Assessment

Each unit will be assessed by means of a range of practical activities throughout the course.

RHS Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Plant Growth, Propagation and Development

This is a theory-based qualification to develop the essential skills needed to work in horticulture or to further develop your interest. The course usually lasts 30 weeks and you will attend for four hours per week. Homework may be required.

Course content

- Plant classification, structure, and function
- Plant nutrition and root environment
- Maintaining plant health
- Understanding plant propagation.

Assessment

Each unit will be assessed by a separate written exam covering all learning outcomes specified in the unit. Examinations will be offered every year in February and June. Where a learner receives commendations in all four mandatory units, the qualification will be awarded with Commendation.

RHS Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance

This is a theory-based qualification to help you develop essential skills to work in horticulture or to further develop your interest. The course is usually 30 weeks and you will attend for four hours per week. Homework may be required.

Course Content

- Understanding garden features, plant selection and planning
- Understanding the choice, establishment and maintenance of garden plants and lawns
- Understanding the production of outdoor vegetables and fruit
- Understanding protected environments and their use in plant cultivation.

Assessment

Each unit will be assessed by a separate written exam covering all learning outcomes specified in the unit. Examinations will be offered every year in February and June. Where a learner receives commendations in all four mandatory units, the qualification will be awarded with Commendation.

Information, advice and guidance

Throughout your course our expert tutors will help you to think about your next steps.

We can help you access free support from a National Careers Service coach. To find out more, ask in centre, call **01629 532430** or visit **www.derbyshire.gov.uk/theguide**

We aim to help all learners achieve by offering personalised support to those who need it. We can provide financial support towards the cost of learning, travel and childcare costs, special equipment, large print, note-takers and signers, and one-to-one help.

Support provided is based on individual assessment. Please ask in centre.



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