BISHOP BURTON College

Level 2 City and Guilds Technical Certificate in Horticulture

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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Horticulture	Level 2	Full-Time	1 year	September 2027

Practical vs Theory



55% 45%

The Course

Do you have a passion for plants, gardens, and the great outdoors? Our Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horticulture is the perfect stepping stone to a rewarding career in this vibrant industry. Whether you're looking to work in landscaping, garden design, or amenity horticulture, this hands-on course provides the essential knowledge and practical skills to help you succeed. Throughout the course, you'll develop expertise in ornamental horticulture, learning how to cultivate and care for plants to enhance outdoor spaces. You'll explore the principles of landscaping, understanding how to design and construct inspiring environments. Plant science will deepen your knowledge of growth, health, and nutrition, while plant identification will help you recognise a wide variety of species, from trees and shrubs to flowers and foliage. The course also introduces the fundamentals of garden design, equipping you with the skills to plan and create beautiful green spaces. Additionally, you'll learn the techniques needed to maintain and establish planted areas, ensuring gardens and landscapes thrive all year round. This qualification offers a highly practical learning experience, guided by industry professionals with expert knowledge. It provides an excellent pathway to further study at Level 3 or direct entry into employment in horticulture, landscaping, or garden maintenance. Whether you aspire to work for an established business or launch your own venture, this course will give you the confidence and skills to grow a successful career. Start your journey today and take the first step towards a future in horticulture. Apply now and let your passion for plants flourish!

Course Aims

- To provide you with both practical and knowledge-based learning, with specialist components focused on landscaping, caring for planted areas, plant science and design. Allow you to study and develop skills in real working environments, preparing you for employment. To give you the knowledge you need to progress to the level 3 T Level in Ornamental Horticulture, should you wish.

What You Will Study

- Sustainability in horticulture, the latest developments in garden design and naturalistic planting schemes.
- The principles of horticulture including; plant science, plant propagation, establishing plants and maintaining planted areas
- The various sectors of the horticulture industry; turf management, ornamental horticulture, hard landscaping, garden design
- Health and safety for the land-based industries
- Working in the horticulture industry
- Plant naming, identification, selection and science
- Preparation, planting and maintenance of plants
- Care, maintenance and use of tools, equipment and machinery
- Horticultural business practices
- Commercial gardening and landscaping
- Developing hard landscape features

Entry Requirements

You will need 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above. These must include English and Maths.

Teaching and Learning Approach

You will learn through classroom sessions, practical work and blended learning.

Time Required on Campus

You will usually be on campus three days per week.

Work Experience

You will need to undertake a minimum of 150 hours of on-the-job experience through an industry placement.

How You're Assessed

You will be assessed through formative assessments, synoptic assessments and examinations.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- Overalls
- Steel toe capped boots
- Hi-vis vest
- Wellington boots
- Gardening gloves

Progression

This course will allow you to progress onto the T Level in Ornamental Horticulture

Careers

This course will allow you to explore careers as a professional horticulturalist, head gardener, managing your own business, and many more.

Financial Information

Find the full details of the fees associated with this programme and the financial support available on our https://www.bishopburton.ac.uk/degree-level-courses/information/fees-and-finance.

How to Apply

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