

Horticulture

Horticulture (Professional Gardening) Level 2 Full-time

In Brief

Start Date

This one year study programme starts in September 2024.

Entry Requirements

- Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English **or** Level 1 in Horticulture.
- Acceptance onto the programme is also subject to an interview.

If you don't currently meet these entry requirements, you may be able to study a [Level 1 Foundation Learning course](#).

You will achieve

Level 2 Diploma in Horticulture.

Course Overview

Plants are incredibly important. Not only do they provide us with oxygen and a source of food, but their beauty, smell and aesthetic vigour can provide the public with a welcoming multi-sensory experience! Public gardens and parks punctuate the fabric of the UK's drab urban environments and provide an amazing break from the hustle and bustle of modern life!

Gardening and horticulture is not just a relaxing pastime for people looking to escape their busy lives. In fact, if you've got a passion for plants and you're fascinated by flowers, you can actually build a long and rewarding career in this area!

Horticultural careers are all about using your scientific knowledge of plants and soil to cultivate flowers, shrubs, fruits, vegetables, grass and other flora. This kind of plant husbandry is usually carried out in controlled environments for functional or commercial purposes.

Gardening careers usually focus on growing, cultivating, pruning and treating plants for aesthetic purposes. You are most likely going to be working outdoors on large estates that belong to wealthy landowners or gardens that are owned by publicly funded organisations, such as the National Trust.

Alternatively, you might be self-employed and offer services to private clients. Here, your

gardening activities will most likely involve aspects of landscape and garden design.

Course Content

You will cover the following topics:

- Prepare ground for planting
- Plant container-grown plants
- Care for a planted area
- Plant a container for display
- Apply fertiliser
- Pruning deciduous spring flowers
- Propagate indoors
- Propagating by stem cuttings
- Construct a paved area
- Use a pedestrian controlled mower
- Design a contemporary style garden

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed by a series of assignments. There is no formal end examination.

What Equipment Will I Need?

You will be required to wear a standard uniform and also personal protection equipment for practical work, in the form of steel toe capped boots and overalls. You will also be required in addition to wear ear defenders, visor or eye protection as required when using machinery.

Where will I study?

Wigfield Farm
Haverlands Lane
Barnsley
S70 5NQ

What can I do next?

Employment: Landscaper, Grounds person, Garden centre assistant, Gardener.

Education: You can progress onto an apprenticeship or into work.

See what careers are available in the Horticulture [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/Horticulture-careers-2023-24.pdf>] sector. Use our online careers tool, Career Coach [<https://barnsley.lightcastcc.com/?radius=®ion=Barnsley>], to find out what your next steps could be.

How much does the course cost?

16 – 18 year olds

Full-time Barnsley College students aged 16-18 years old do not have to pay tuition fees.

19+ Students

Aged 19 or over and thinking about further education? You may be eligible for free or reduced course fees . Please refer to our page ['paying for your course.'](#)

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on +44 (0)1226 216 267.

Extra information

Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk]

Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and the Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/barnsley-sports-academy/>] .

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

English and Maths

Having good English and Maths qualifications are important for most careers and we want to give you the help you need to succeed.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and don't already have a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths they will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards higher grades in English and Maths we can help you do that too.

Need a higher level Maths qualification? We offer a [Level 3 Mathematical Studies \(Core Maths\)](#).

This can be added to your study programme.

If you need any further information, please contact our friendly [Information Team](#).

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Call us on **01226 216 123**