



Horticulture Operative (ST0225) Level 2 Apprenticeship

This apprenticeship will ensure that you develop the skills and knowledge required by employers in the horticulture industry. It is ideal if you already have some knowledge and basic skills or a keen interest in horticulture and want to progress in this industry.

The course will allow you to choose a pathway that suits your skills and job role, including: Horticulture; Parks, Gardens and Green Space; Landscaping; or Sports Turf Groundsman. There will also be the opportunity to study for additional professional qualifications, such as safe use of pesticides, hedge trimmers and powered cultivators.

Expected course duration

24 Months.

College attendance

1 day in college a week (Wednesday).

College day release intakes

Day release begins in October and March.

When can the apprentice start employment?

July to February.

When can the apprenticeship training start?

Straight away but college intake will be in October or March.

Course content

- Principles of plant growth and development
 - Plant nutrition requirements
 - Operate or use tools equipment and machinery
 - Process waste
 - Cultivating soils for differing purposes
 - Controlling plant pests and diseases
 - Identifying plants.
 - Health and Safety requirements
 - support the business and wider team
 - Record keeping
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- Level 3 Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW)
 - Level 2 Principles of Safe Handling and Application of Pesticides Guidance
 - Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides

Entry requirements

Desirable:

Maths Grade 9-3 and English Grade 9-3.

Other requirements...

Able to travel to Shuttleworth.

What training is required in the workplace?

- 20% off the job
- Use of the Binomial system (use of Latin in work)
- Have a mentor /supervision and support
- Opportunities to cover a wide range of customers
- Ability to cover a range of key course content

Further study and career options

Course progression:

There are Level 3 options in the industry available.

Career progression:

Potential full time employment options on completion, 2 years in industry experience as well as transferrable skills. Work as a landscape gardener, planning and maintaining large gardens, parks and green spaces, garden centres.

Additional information

Purchase of Work Boots for their job and use in college.

Campuses

Shuttleworth College.

For more information, please visit here:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/horticulture-or-landscape-construction-operative-v1-1>

How to apply

Through the apprenticeship vacancy page of our website:

<https://bedfordcollegegroup.ac.uk/study/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies/>

and the national apprenticeship website:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>