



City & Guilds & NPTC Level 2 Certificate in Horticulture (Organic Horticulture)

The course aims to provide learners with the knowledge and practical skill to understand the complexities of the organic movement. To develop an awareness of a more organic, sustainable and holistic way of life within a wide range of horticultural situations.

The Course

The course runs one year from September to July. A wide range of topics are covered in sessions supported with handouts and practical experience within the gardens. Visits to organic sites are arranged during the year. Students attending the course need to allow 2 hours per week for coursework (to be completed at home)

Course Content

Principles of Organic Horticulture

Outcome 1 Outline the principles of organic horticulture

Outcome 2 Selection and use of materials and resources

Soil Management in Organic Horticulture

Outcome 1 Managing the physical properties of soil

Outcome 2 Managing the chemical properties of soil

Techniques in Organic Horticulture

Outcome 1 Selection, production and use of bulky organic materials

Outcome 2 Cultural operations in organic horticulture

Outcome 3 Organic crop protection and plant health

Outcome 4 Site layout and crop planning

Sustainable Horticulture and Ecological Principles

Outcome 1 Sustainability and the environmental impact of horticulture

Outcome 2 Ecology in horticulture

Growing Vegetables Organically

Outcome 1 Growing annual vegetable crops organically

Outcome 2 Growing perennial vegetable crops organically

Aspects of permaculture and wildlife gardening are also covered.

Assessment

The course is divided into 5 units. To gain the NPTC Level 2 Certificate in Organic Horticulture, candidates must pass all 5 units. Units are assessed by a mixture of Practical activities (identification tests, practical assessments and assignment work) and 5 x ½ hour examinations each consisting of 20 multiple choice questions.

Qualification Gained

Success on this course leads to the NPTC Level 2 Certificate in Organic Horticulture.

Entry Requirements

You are welcome to visit the College to discuss and identify with the

course tutor a study programme which will help towards your intended career. All students are assessed on an individual basis, to ensure they have adequate levels of numeracy and literacy normally to a minimum of level 1 standard or a minimum of 4 GCSEs.

However, other relevant qualifications of equivalent standard and/or practical experience in horticulture will also be considered.

Fees

Please refer to the College prospectus.

Additional Costs

Students will require steel toecap footwear, overalls, wet weather clothing and writing materials. Many students like to keep a photographic record of their time at Capel Manor and students should budget for these costs in addition to travelling and living expenses when making course decisions.

Course Costs

Apart from the course and examination fees, students will need to equip themselves with safety boots, secateurs and protective clothing for practical work.

Venue

This course takes place at Capel Manor's main campus in Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield and at Popes Lane, Gunnersbury Park, Acton, West London.

Progression

Students completing this course often progress onto other part time and full time courses, including RHS Certificate, Garden Design and BTEC National Awards.

- Students should note that these courses have to be applied for well in advance and prospective students have to meet the entry requirements for the specific course.

Students seeking employment advice can speak to their tutors or seek an interview with the college's career advisors.

Additional Support

Students are supported in their studies through regular tutorials and access to study skills tutors where required. There is also access to a specialist library and use of computers.

For further information and how to apply, please contact the Student Registry at

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