



RHS Distance Learning (Units 1-8) – Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture Level 2 Certificate

Looking for a career change? Already in horticulture and looking to progress in your career? RHS courses are internationally recognised for the highest standards, and now, thanks to distance learning, you can do all of this from the comfort of your own home!

Level: 2

Duration: 1 Year

Course Code: UFDNTL01

Overview

Our state of the art online classroom allows you to view the course materials on a variety of devices, from your lap-top to your iPad, tablet or even your phone. From here you can download our expertly written course materials, participate in quizzes to test your knowledge, watch videos, discover additional materials to expand your knowledge, upload your assignments and communicate with your course tutor. You will have unlimited support from your online tutor, for the duration of the course.

The full course is the most economical method of achieving the qualification. The course is based across eight units:

Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Propagation and Development (Theory) Level 2 (4 units) comprising:

- Plant Classification and Structure/ Plant Physiological Processes
- Soil – Physical Properties/ Soil – Organic Matter
- Maintaining Plant Health
- Understanding Plant Propagation

Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance (Theory) Level 2 (4 units) comprising:

- Garden Features and Planning/ Plant Selection & Planning
- Plant Choice, Establishment and Maintenance
- The Production of Outdoor Vegetables/ The Production of Top and Soft Fruit
- Understanding Protected Environments and Horticultural uses

You will be using our online virtual learning environment, working through the resource materials and submitting assessments which will be marked and returned to you with feedback and feed-forward from your tutor.

The full qualification is achieved by sitting eight unit exams which can be spread out as required. RHS exams usually take place in February and June, you can take your exams at Craven College or at an approved RHS exam centre of your choice. Exam fees are not included in the price of the course, therefore it is the responsibility of the student to book and pay for exams. Details can be found on the RHS website.

Completion of level 1 is not necessary, most learners can begin at Level 2.

Exams - The RHS have stated that the last opportunity to sit exams for units 1-4 will be June 2023. Please note that this includes resits therefore it's advisable to plan for exams to be taken well in advance of this final date

Entry Requirements

- A good command of the English language is preferable, as the assessments and exams are written.
- Basic IT skills and access to a computer and/or laptop with internet access are required. Access to the online classroom is available on PC and IOS and Android operating systems.

Academic Progression

After successful completion of the course you could progress to RHS level 3, or gain employment in the horticultural industry, for example:

- Work in a plant nursery, growing, selling and the management of plants
- Maintain gardens and planting
- Grow and sell house plants or plants in containers
- Become a gardener at your local parks and gardens business
- Start your own business
- Progress into garden design