

RHS HORTICULTURE DISTANCE LEARNING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE THE COURSE MATERIALS LIKE?

It is an interactive online course using videos, quizzes, pictures and there is a significant amount of reading due to the course being theoretical. You will need a good understanding of the English language. You will need access to an up to date laptop or desktop computer, along with broadband internet and a good basic level of IT skills.

DO I GET TUTOR SUPPORT?

Yes, you will receive unlimited support. We aim to respond to all support questions within 48 hours on working days. Tutor support is via email, or via the social forum on Moodle, which is our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

HOW LONG WILL I GET TO COMPLETE THE COURSE?

- 12 months for the full certificate (units 1-8)
- 6 months for units 1-4 or 5-8
- 3 months for units 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8

SHOULD I COMPLETE THE UNITS IN NUMERICAL ORDER?

Although it is possible to do units 5-8 without doing 1-4, the first four units build a better understanding of all things horticultural, so we do recommend taking the units in numerical order.

WILL I GET A CERTIFICATE AT THE END?

You will only get a certificate when you pass the RHS exams. Craven College are the course provider; however, certification can only come from the RHS.

ARE EXAMS INCLUDED?

Exams are not included in the price and are £30 each if taken at Craven College, Skipton. You can also sit the exams at an RHS approved exams centre local to you. Their fees may differ, and you would book these yourself. Currently, exams take place in February and June each year.

ARE THERE ANY PAST PAPERS I CAN LOOK AT?

Past papers are available on the RHS website - www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/qualifications-and-training

WHAT IS THE EXPECTED TIME COMMITMENT?

The course specification lays out the recommended learning hours per unit.

These are as follows:

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| • Unit 1 – 31 hours | • Unit 3 – 22 hours | • Unit 5 – 29 hours | • Unit 7 – 23 hours |
| • Unit 2 – 23 hours | • Unit 4 – 23 hours | • Unit 6 – 22 hours | • Unit 8 – 23 hours |

Please note: You will only achieve the qualification RHS Principles of Horticulture Level 2 when you have passed all 8 exams.

