

# Horticulture

## Diploma Level 2

STUDY MODE  
Full time

LOCATION  
Moulton

LEVEL  
Level 2

START DATE  
Sept 2025

DURATION  
1 year



Our Level 2 Diploma in Horticulture provides you with practical horticultural techniques and skills.

If you are interested in developing your knowledge of garden design and landscaping or in growing ornamental plants, fruits or vegetables, this course is the right one for you.

Our Horticulture students have access to an exciting range of specialist resources at the College. You will use our fully equipped glasshouse and laboratory facilities for practical lessons such as coppicing and propagation, and for theory such as plant and soil sciences.

We have specialist workshops equipped with tools and resources and a dedicated studio for the development of computer aided design.

With access to our extensive estate, guided by our specialist staff and expert guest lecturers, you will also work in our small scale gardens and build landscape features as a part of garden design.

## What will I learn on the course?

Through practical and theoretical learning you will develop your experience in maintaining landscapes, estates and green spaces.

Guided by our expert lecturers you will find out more about plant propagation, plant and soil science, and machinery maintenance and operation.

Additionally you will work closely with a range of landscape machinery to shape the environment around campus, learning to correctly identify a range of plants.

You will cover modules including:

- Introduction to working in land-based industries
- Introduction to Plant and Soil Science
- Horticulture Work Placement
- Land-based Machinery Operations
- Maintain Sports & Amenity Turf
- Establish and Maintain Soft Landscapes
- Construction and Maintenance of Hard Landscapes
- Estate Maintenance in Horticulture

## What will this course cost me?

If you are aged under 19 years of age at the start of your course you will not have to pay any fees.

If you are aged 19 or over there may be support available, depending on your existing levels of qualifications. Please speak to our Student Support Team for more information.

You will be required to buy Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for this course. For a full list of equipment required [click here](#).

## What does a typical week look like?

This is a full time course taking place on three full days per week. There will be a mix of practical and theoretical work which are split into two hour lessons. You will have regular breaks including a lunch break.

## How will I be assessed?

Vocational and professional qualifications are taught through college based theory and practical lessons with further learning and understanding developed via directed self-study.

Assessment consists of internally set coursework and assignments, although some professional and vocational qualifications may require the achievement of externally set assessments.

## Where can it lead to?

A Level 2 Diploma will give you the chance to progress on to further education.

Alternatively, you may go straight into the work place in roles such as an assistant gardener, groundsman, nursery person, production horticulturist, garden product sales person, or land-based machinery operator.

## What are the entry requirements for this course?

Four GCSEs at grade 2-3 (D-E) or above or a Level 1 Diploma in a related subject.

## How will this course help me to understand environmental and sustainability issues?

Sustainability is a theme throughout the course however the course also specifically includes:

- Creating areas using plants sourced from local provenance or home grown
- Plants suited to the changing climate (e.g. drought tolerant and rain tolerant)
- Working with the seasons and conditions to encourage biodiversity and maintain the ecological balance without the use of chemicals
- Plant and soil science - learning how to maintain the soil and keep it alive with all the beneficial microorganisms within the soil horizons
- Applying appropriate waste management to ensure that materials are reduced, reused and recycled

Visit this course on our website: <https://www.moulton.ac.uk/courses/pfdho/horticulture-diploma-level-2>

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