

# RHS Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance

## RHS Certificate Level 2

STUDY MODE  
Part time

LOCATION  
Moulton

LEVEL  
Level 2

START DATE  
25 September 2020

DURATION  
1 year



Our RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance is a theory-based qualifications which will provide you with a strong understanding of horticultural principals.

Under the guidance of expert lecturers our course offers you greater opportunities for employment, excellent grounding for further skills development but also a valuable qualification for those looking to increase their understanding of horticulture for personal use.

Our Horticulture students have access to an exciting range of specialist resources at the College. You will have the opportunity to see glass house demonstrations and visit our arboretum and science laboratories to support your theoretical learning.

## What you'll learn

Garden features, plant selection and planning

- Carry out and record a garden survey
- Carry out a site appraisal and record essential data
- Basic garden planning principles and the elements that contribute to a good design
- Characteristics of accepted garden design styles
- Effective and appropriate use of hard landscaping materials
- Effective use of soft landscaping elements
- Incorporate key elements into a cohesive design
- Safe, healthy, environmentally sensitive and sustainable development of garden sites Choice, establishment and maintenance of garden plants and lawns
- Plants for seasonal display and their establishment and maintenance
- Herbaceous perennial plants and bulbs for display and how to grow them

- Woody plants for display and their establishment and maintenance
- Alpine and rock garden plants and how to grow them
- Planting and maintenance of a garden pool
- Establishment and maintenance of lawns
- Production of outdoor vegetables and fruit
- Importance of site selection for outdoor food production in a garden or allotment
- Cultural operations used to produce outdoor food crops in a garden or allotment
- Principles of vegetable crop production
- Production of top and soft fruit for a garden or allotment
- Protected environments and their use in plant cultivation
- Types of protected structure, and their use in growing plants
- Environment provided by a range of protected structures
- Structural and cladding materials used for a range of protected structures
- Controlling the environment in protected structures
- Container and growing media used for production and display in protected environments
- Horticultural uses of the protected environment

## What will this course cost me?

The total cost for this course is £497 which includes tuition and exam fees.

You will also require a pen and note pad for taking notes.

## A typical week

This course will take place on Fridays, starting at 10:30am and finishing at 3:30pm.

## How will I be assessed?

This course is assessed by four written exams, two exams in February and two exams in June. To achieve this qualification all four-unit exams must be completed and achieved.

## Where can it lead to?

You will have gained a range of horticultural knowledge relevant to employment in various roles in commercial plant production and the horticultural sector, such as a head gardener or supervisor in private, public, or botanic gardens or parks and urban green spaces.

## Entry requirements

No formal qualifications required. However, because of the demands of this exam-based course, students must be independent learners with well-developed literacy and study skills. This intensive qualification requires commitment to ensure all aspects are achieved

## Good to know

This course is a stand-alone qualification, which can be achieved and certified separately. However, it also forms half of the RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture and one third of the RHS Level 2 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Horticulture.

For more information about the Royal Horticultural Society please [visit their website](#).

Visit this course on our website: <https://www.moulton.ac.uk/courses/hc12/rhs-principles-of-garden-planning-establishment-and-maintenance-rhs-certificate-level-2>

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