



RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

Location	Cheadle College
Course Type	Adult
Department	Horticulture
Start Date	Tuesday 15th September 2026
Duration	Part-time, 1 Year
Time	10:00:00 - 14:30:00
Fee	£ 360.00 You may be eligible for support with your tuition fees - please visit the college website - funding and finance page for further information
Course Code	CPQ-UA2C-1500

Course Overview

This practical-based qualification equips learners with essential, hands-on skills. The practice of plant and garden cultivation combines a deep understanding of scientific principles with the development of a wide range of craft skills. The scientific principles involve the ability to positively identify a wide range of plants, pests, diseases, pathogens and disorders. The craft skills include the planting, pruning, propagation and maintenance of plants along with the establishment and management of turf, and maintenance of garden features.

Course Requirements

There are no entry requirements.

What You Will Learn

The RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture covers essential craft skills, which include the planting, pruning, propagation and maintenance of plants along with the establishment and management of turf, and maintenance of garden features.

Students will also be able to identify a range of plants, pests, diseases, pathogens and disorders.

Assessment

A range of methods will be used to assess this qualification.

They include formative assessment of skills by tutors at RHS Centres, and a range of summative short answer tests as well as direct observation by RHS Assessors. All assessments must be conducted in accordance with the RHS requirements (see rhs.org.uk/qualifications for more details).

Assessment Outcomes define the way in which learners demonstrate their abilities under test conditions. The AOs use a 'progressive mastery' model for each topic area.

This qualification has three broad categories of assessment outcomes, which are:

AO1 - knowledge recall of scientific ideas, processes, techniques, procedures, and making correct use of terms, symbols and units of measurement

AO2 - application of knowledge and understanding of concepts, theories, facts to different situations and contexts through presentation of reasoned explanations and analysis and interpretation of information and ideas

AO3 - application of knowledge and understanding in an integrated and holistic way in order to reach conclusions and make judgements and recommendations.

Progression

Completion of this qualification (both elements) will give learners the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to boost career prospects. Achieving Level 2 allows learners the opportunity to progress to further learning opportunities at Level 3, allowing progression to higher education, career advancement or entry in the horticultural industries at a more advanced, technical and management level.

Career Options

This qualification will give you the opportunity to apply for jobs at the RHS or other gardens or in other areas of the horticulture industry.

Mandatory Units

Mandatory units include;

Plant Identification

Plant Establishment

Plant Propagation

Plant Health

Plant Care

Plant Pruning

Garden Features

Grassed Areas

For more information

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/pdf/qualifications/level-2/level-2-certificate-in-practical-horticulture.pdf>

Contact Details

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