



Level 1 Diploma in Practical Horticulture Skills

Location	Cheadle College
Course Type	Adult
Department	Horticulture
Start Date	Friday 18th September 2026
Duration	Part-time, 1 Year
Time	10:00:00 - 14:30:00
Fee	£ 855.00 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-HR1D-1100

Course Overview

This course is for students who want to gain basic horticulture skills. It allows candidates to learn, develop and practise the skills required for progression into the horticulture sector.

There will be a £100 charge for materials.

Course Requirements

Initial assessment and induction

An initial assessment of each candidate will be made before the start of their programme to identify:

if the candidate has any specific training needs

support and guidance they may need when working towards their qualification

any units they have already completed, or credit they have accumulated which is relevant to the qualification and the appropriate type and level of qualification.

An induction programme will be in place so that each candidate fully understands the requirements of the qualification, their responsibilities as a candidate, and the responsibilities of the centre.

What You Will Learn

Depending on the time of year units will be chosen from the following list.

Prepare for sowing or planting under supervision

Plant container grown subjects

Prepare soil and apply organic mulch

Water a bed, border or area of plants in containers

Cultivate land by single digging or forking

Apply fertiliser by hand to bare ground

Determine soil pH with colour indicator test kit under supervision

Plant flower bulbs for naturalisation or bedding

Prepare and plant a hanging basket

Prepare and plant a container for display

Care for a planted area

Prune hedges by hand

Prune bush roses

Dead-head rose bushes,

Rhododendrons or other shrubs

Prune shrubs for winter stem colour

Prune deciduous spring-flowering shrubs

Prune deciduous shrubs flowering on current season's growth

Support individual stems

Support herbaceous perennials

Support plants on wires, frames or trellis

Lift, divide and plant herbaceous perennials

Sow seed outdoors in drills by hand

Sow seed indoors in containers

Prick out seedlings

Propagate by stem cuttings

Pot up rooted cuttings, large seedlings or plugs by hand

Assessment

Candidates must:

Successfully complete the checklists for each unit

Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

Recognition of prior learning means using a person's previous experience or qualifications which have already been achieved to contribute to a new qualification.

RPL is allowed and is also sector specific

Progression

Level 2 Horticulture

Mandatory Units

Prepare for sowing or planting under supervision
Plant container grown subjects
Prepare soil and apply organic mulch
Water a bed, border or area of plants in container

Contact Details

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