



City & Guilds in Practical Horticulture Skills (7573)

This is a practical course leading to your choice of City & Guilds Award, Certificate or Diploma at Level 2.

The qualification will be delivered at STAA's four unique project sites on the beautiful and historic St Anns Allotments, Nottingham.

Choose from:

- Pro gardener

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Focusing on fundamental practical skills in horticulture, this course enables learners to develop skills such as pruning, planting out, pedestrian-operated tool use and plant identification. Choose from our range of units to suit your professional or personal development. You don't need any previous experience or a current work placement.

- Grow your own

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Grow like a pro and yield your best results by signing up for our grow your own horticulture course. This course enables learners to develop skills such as growing vegetables and flowers from seed, maintaining growing spaces and improving soil fertility, rearing soft fruit bushes and canes and harvesting produce.

Combine units from our City and Guilds qualifications with our workshops, masterclasses and NPTC Qualifications to make your own bespoke learning journey.

Who are the qualifications aimed at?

The qualifications are aimed at a wide range of learners who work or want to work within the horticultural industry, wish to progress to other related qualifications or if you have a passion for learning more about horticulture and developing your skills and knowledge further. The course allows learners to learn, develop and practice the skills required for a wide variety of horticultural settings.

Course requirements

You don't need any previous experience or a current work placement.

Course Content

Below is the indicative course content outline for the level 2 Grow Your Own and Pro Gardener course routes.

Grow Your Own	Pro Gardener
Maintain indoor crops Apply fertiliser to plants Harvest plants	Plant a container for seasonal display Prepare a round or area for planting Apply fertiliser to plants Plant out container-grown plants
Identify damage caused by plant pests Sow seeds outdoors by hand Prune soft fruit bushes and cane fruits	Propagate plants by stem cuttings Produce a basic garden design Assess soil texture and condition Lay hard surfaces for external landscaping
Prepare ground or area for planting Propagate plants indoors from seed Plant out plants in rows by hand	Carry out a site survey in two dimensions Identify plant diseases and disorders Care for a planted area Identify damage caused by plant pests
Identifying plants by botanical name is an optional unit running throughout	Identifying plants by botanical name is an optional unit running throughout

Grow your own units are not currently available as a Diploma on its own, you would need to do add 2 seasons of Pro Gardener units to achieve a Diploma once completing the Grow your own units.

Qualification Structure

Award The **Level 2 Award in Practical Horticultural Skills (7573)** comprises 6 credits, and these credits can be broken down into 2 units. Each unit that you complete will earn you 3 credits toward the overall 6-credit award. This modular approach is beneficial for tailoring the program to your own individual needs and interests.

Certificate The **Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticultural Skills (7573)** comprises 18 credits, and these credits can be broken down into 5 or 6 units. Each unit that you complete will earn you 3 credits toward the overall 18-credit certificate. This modular approach is beneficial for tailoring the program to your own individual needs and interests.

Diploma If you wish to complete a **Level 2 Diploma in Practical Horticulture Skills (7573)**, you can do so by acquiring an additional 18 credits beyond what is required for the Certificate. The Diploma level can be a valuable qualification for if you want to advance your horticultural career or deepen your understanding of practical horticulture skills.



Assessment

Most units involve around 18 guided learning hours. Following this you will complete an observed assessment under test conditions and a short oral or written test. You will be provided with full details of assessment criteria, requirements and dates by your tutor.

Course Fees

Please see the table below for information on course fees dependent on the level of learning you choose.

Course Type	Cost
Award	£500
Certificate	£900
Diploma	£1700

Payment options

We have several payment options including Card, Paypal, Klarna, Clearpay, BACS or Cheque.

Sources of financial support

If you would like to discuss sources of financial support to cover the course fees, please get in touch. There are several ways to access internally and externally funded places on our courses.

<https://www.horticulture.org.uk/careers/bursaries-and-grants/>

Getting Enrolled

If you would like to enrol in one of our courses, please click [here](#) where you will be directed to fill in an online registration form. You will then be contacted by one of the team with further information.

Alternatively, please do email us on learning@staa-allotments.org.uk and we will contact you with the next steps.

Upcoming open days and induction events

The next open days are:

Saturday 8th March 2025, 10am

Thursday 27th March 2025, 4pm

Please register your interest [here](#), and we will be in touch once these are available to book.

Online Q&A Sessions:

Tuesday 3rd December 2024, 4:30pm book [here](#).

The next course start dates are:

Week commencing 13th January '25

Week commencing 21st April '25



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