



# City & Guilds Practical Horticulture Skills (7573) Level 2





# About us



## About Staa

Staa is a charitable organisation based at the historic St Ann's Allotments in Nottingham. We deliver practical horticulture education rooted in community, sustainability and heritage.

Our courses are taught in real growing environments, giving learners the confidence, skills and recognised qualifications to develop their gardening practice, whether for personal fulfilment, employment or professional development.



## The qualification

Level 2 City & Guilds Practical Horticulture SKills (7573) is a hands on, course focusing upon the fundamental practical skills in horticulture. The learner will learn skills such as planting out, preparing ground, pruning, plant identification and tree planting.

There are three sizes of qualification to choose from at this level - Award, Certificate or Diploma. All of which are suitable for those getting started in the horticulture industry. Or you might be working in a horticulture job and want to improve your skills.

## Indicative course content

Prune fruit trees in winter  
Prune spring-flowering shrubs  
Harvest plants  
Plant a container for seasonal display

Maintain indoor crops  
Propagate plants indoors from seed  
Prepare ground or area for planting  
Caring for a planted area



## Commitment

Our City & Guilds Practical Horticulture qualification is a part time course which runs on either a Friday or Saturday daytime throughout the year.

### **Fridays | 9:30am - 2:30pm - Grow Your Own**

Grow like a pro and yield your best results! Develop your skills in growing vegetables and flowers from seed, maintaining growing spaces, improving soil fertility, rearing soft fruit bushes and canes and harvesting produce.

### **Saturdays | 10am - 3pm - Pro Gardener**

Focusing on practical skills in horticulture, this route enables learners to develop skills such as pruning, planting out and ornamental garden design.

## Fees & support

Award - £550 (1 season)

Certificate - £990 (2 seasons)

Diploma - £1800 (4 seasons)

Payments can be made via bank transfer, credit/debit card or by external third party providers such as PayPal, Klarna or ClearPay.

Students may be eligible for support through a number of bursary schemes, some of which can be found [here](#). Each has their own eligibility requirements detailed on their websites.





## Our learning spaces

This course is delivered on two of Staa's beautiful and unique project sites on St Ann's Allotments; a unique and inspiring location for your learning journey. The units are carefully curated to make the most of our diverse learning spaces and we ensure that you will be learning the right skills at the right time of year.

### The Nursery

The Friday sessions are run on our largest learning site, The Nursery, home to our Community Harvest project. This space includes a 25 metre glasshouse and a variety of raised beds and accessible growing areas. The Nursery is where we cultivate fresh food and flowers for distribution within our local community.



### The Heritage Display Garden (Oliver's)



The Saturday sessions are mostly based at our Heritage Display Garden, known for its rich history, Victorian summerhouse and rose garden. Affectionately known as "Oliver's" in honour of its last tenant Mr. Tom Oliver, it is a showcase for many different horticultural displays highlighting the history of St Ann's Allotments, and allotment gardening over the last century.



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“I have just finished my first term of my City and Guilds level 2 practical horticulture skills course and it has been great. Being able to do it at Staa in the St Ann’s allotments has so many benefits to it, the site is great and has such a diverse array of learning materials, from the Orchard, Nursery, and Oliver’s heritage garden each one holding its own unique learning possibilities which fit into the course perfectly.”

Luke - Diploma student



“I have really enjoyed my course so far. The group have been so friendly. I have learnt a great deal because the teachers have been brilliant at sharing their knowledge. I am looking forward to the rest of the course”

Fiona - Diploma student



“Really enjoyed completing my first term at Staa. The City and Guilds course is provided by the Staa team at St Ann’s allotments. The location is beautiful, and you would never believe you are so close to the city centre. The tutors are very friendly, knowledgeable and approachable, classes are made up of a small group that have a shared interest in horticulture. This course has taught me new skills and given me inspiration that I can transfer to the success of my own allotment. Looking forward to next my next term.”

Gaynor - Diploma student

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## Is this course right for you?

This qualification is 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 simply have a passion for horticulture.

The course allows learners to learn, develop and practice the skills required for a wide variety of horticultural settings.

This course is ideal for:

- Those who have an interest in gardening and want to deepen their knowledge in a social, outdoor setting.
- Career-changers exploring horticulture as a new professional pathway.
- Employers and organisations looking to upskill staff with a recognised qualification.
- Anyone seeking practical, confidence-building experience in horticulture.

No previous qualifications are required, just a keen interest in horticulture.





## Getting enrolled

If you would like to enrol on to the course, 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 and how to make payment to secure your space.

Terms start each March, June, September & December.

## Open days & online Q&A's

We will be hosting a number of open days and online Q&A sessions throughout the year in line with our course start dates. These will be hosted in January, April, July and October.

If you are unable to attend any of our open days or online Q&A's you can contact us at any time for further information and we can arrange to discuss options via phone, email or video call.









# Contact



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