

# HORTICULTURE ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 3



**DURATION:** Up to 2 years

**DAYS IN COLLEGE:** Dependent on existing skills

**START:** September, January or April

## SUBJECT OVERVIEW

This apprenticeship programme will ensure that you develop the skills and knowledge required by employers in the horticulture industry. It will allow you to choose a pathway that suits your skills, including production horticulture, parks, gardens and green space, landscaping and sports turf. It's ideal if you already have plenty of experience in the sector or supervise others and want to move into a more senior role. You will also have the opportunity to take extra qualifications, including the Application of Pesticides or NPTC Chainsaw Maintenance Level 1 Award.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**Grade requirements:** You will need a minimum of four GCSEs at grades A\*-C including English and maths or a Level 2 qualification in a relevant subject supported by Functional Skills in English and maths at Level 1, or Horticulture Level 2 apprenticeship.

**Other requirements:** The role you are employed in must be a relevant supervisory role (such as deputy head grounds keeper, a deputy head groundsman, senior gardener, parks officer, horticultural technician or deputy manager in a garden centre setting).

# COURSE CONTENT

**During this apprenticeship you will study a range of topics, including:**

- Plan and maintain planted areas
- Prepare sites for landscape works
- Design and install drainage systems
- Construct free standing walls
- Provide nutrients to plants or crops
- Monitor the development of crops or plants

# ASSESSMENT METHODS

The majority of assessment will take place in the work place through a mixture of practical observation and questions, learner discussion, written questions and the production of a portfolio of evidence. There is also a short multiple choice test marked externally.

# QUALIFICATIONS

**You will gain the following qualifications:**

**Work-Based Horticulture NPTC Level 3 Diploma**

Plus...

- First Aid Certificate (Health & Safety Executive approved)
- Employment Rights and Responsibilities
- Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills
- Functional Skills in English and Maths.

# FURTHER STUDY AND CAREER OPTIONS

**Further study:** On successful completion of this course you can progress on to a higher education qualification in a related area, such as horticulture, plant science, or garden and landscape design.

**Future careers:** Alternatively you could progress into a more senior role including agricultural/horticultural technician, garden designer, groundsperson, landscaper or garden centre manager.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## **Inclusion**

Bedford College actively seeks to promote equality of access to education and training and to provide support where appropriate. Employers are made aware that apprentices have the same rights to protection against discrimination, harassment and victimisation under the Equality Act 2010 as employees.

Apprentices who have disclosed a disability covered by Equality legislation have the right to request reasonable adjustments in the workplace. We will work with employers to ensure that appropriate adjustments are agreed and established to facilitate this.

At the College we provide additional support for students and apprentices who have a specific learning difficulty or disability.