

# AGRICULTURE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 4



**DURATION:** 2 years

**DAYS IN COLLEGE:** One day per week

**START:** Flexible depending on employer – ideally end of September or end of April

## SUBJECT OVERVIEW

This higher apprenticeship is ideal if you are currently working in livestock or crop production in a supervisory role and are looking to progress into management or even start your own business. It focuses on business and enterprise management in the industry, from day to day work on the farm to making management level decisions. On your days in College you will be based at Kingshill Farm, a working agricultural and livestock farm on campus. You will have the opportunity to become part of the Cattle Club here at College, visit other working farms, and various shows and events throughout the year including: the East of England Winter Fair; LAMMA, the UK's largest agricultural trade show; and Cereals, the technical event for the arable industry.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**Grade requirements:** You will need a Level 3 qualification in Agriculture or a relevant subject, relevant work experience and English and maths GCSEs at grades A\*-C.

# COURSE CONTENT

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

- Business
- Legislation
- Enterprise Management
- Health & Welfare

There will also be a range of optional units to choose from, which include, but are not limited to:

- Manage grassland and forage crops for livestock production systems
- Plan and manage the health and welfare of livestock
- Plan and manage the control of weeds, pests and diseases
- Commission, monitor and evaluate contract work for the land-based sector
- Manage emergencies and incidents in the land-based sector

# ASSESSMENT METHODS

You will be assessed through a portfolio of evidence to include assignments, observation and work products, plus a business project proposal.

# QUALIFICATIONS

You will gain the following qualifications:

**Work-Based Agricultural Management City & Guilds Level 4 Diploma**  
**Project Management for Land Based Industries Edexcel BTEC Level 4 Certificate**

There will also be the opportunity to obtain a professional qualification, such as a Safe Use of Pesticides or Forklift operating qualification, as well as undertaking a first aid course.

# FURTHER STUDY AND CAREER OPTIONS

**Further study:** Upon successful completion of this apprenticeship you could go on to study the Foundation Degree in Agriculture here at Shuttleworth, which can be followed by our top-up course to gain a full BSc Honours degree in Agriculture validated by the University of Bedfordshire.

**Future careers:** : If you choose to move into full-time employment, these Level 4 qualifications can help you to progress in a management role within livestock or crop production.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You will need to purchase two sets of PPE if you don't already have them – one for the workplace and one for College – and also pay £100 towards the trips throughout the year.

## 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.