

# Level 2 Horticulture and Landscape Apprenticeship

<b>Qualification</b>	Apprenticeship Level 2 Horticulture and Landscape Operative (Standard ST0225)
<b>Based at</b>	Hadlow College
<b>Length of apprenticeship</b>	2 years
<b>Hours</b>	Part time study includes one day a week at college.
<b>Entry requirements</b>	GCSE Grade 3 or above in English and maths or Level 2 Functional Skills in English and maths.
<b>Description</b>	<p>Horticulture and Landscape Operatives can be employed to work in public parks and gardens, green spaces and historic gardens, private gardens and estates or in production nurseries and retail outlets.</p> <p>Many businesses will be specialised in their activities, such as grounds maintenance (soft-landscape) or landscape construction (hard-landscape). Soft-landscaping includes the establishment and maintenance of plants and cultivated areas. Hard-landscaping includes establishment of hard surfaces and structures in addition to the establishment of plants in cultivated areas.</p> <p>The distinct nature of these two specialisms means very few businesses can offer the full breadth of skills and therefore two options are available for this occupation; horticulture and landscape construction. The employment area will dictate the option pursued. The horticulture option focuses on plant propagation and plant growth. The landscape construction option focuses on the installation of features and structures; application of landscape materials as well as supporting site management.</p> <p>Work is generally based outside and undertaken throughout the year, so apprentices will frequently work outside in all weathers. Often people new to the industry will start in a 'hands-on' role covering a range of practical tasks, with specialist (environmental) skills being learnt through progression. A wide range of machinery and tools are used and additional training may be required depending on the nature of the works undertaken.</p>
<b>Assessment</b>	The End Point Assessment will consist of a written examination and practical assessment.
<b>Progression</b>	Level 3 Apprenticeship in Horticultural or Landscape Supervision.
<b>English and maths</b>	Functional Skills or GCSE English and maths with exemptions for GCSE grades 4 or above
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