

Level 3 Crop Technician Apprenticeship

Qualification	Apprenticeship Level 3 Crop Technician (Standard ST0018)
Based at	Hadlow College
Length of apprenticeship	2 years
Hours	Part time study includes one day a week at college.
Entry requirements	GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and maths or Level 2 Functional Skills in English and maths.
Description	<p>As a Crop Technician you will be responsible for optimising crop/plant yields through establishment, management, harvest and post-harvest operations, while maintaining and improving the surrounding environment. You will also need to keep up to date with technological advances and new innovations. Being a Crop Technician requires self-motivation and the ability to work both independently and as a team player to complete tasks safely and efficiently. Many companies now use automation for a number of routine tasks, which will require technical skills to operate.</p> <p>The industry provides unique opportunities for people to work in a technically advanced and innovative environment. Businesses within the industry range from small enterprises through to international organisations. Work in soil based systems involves operating large, technically advanced machinery in the open fields. Working outdoors, means there is variety and challenges to overcome. Similarly Crop Technicians working in container based systems may work outside but for many the majority of work will be in controlled environments, which need monitoring and adapting to suit the growth stage/species growing.</p> <p>This standard provides the opportunity for individuals to acquire the 'knowledge', 'skills' and 'behaviours' required and follows a 'core and options' approach. This allows the flexibility to learn core subjects and then specialise in either 'soil based system' or 'containerised systems'</p>
Assessment	The End Point Assessment will consist of a written examination, professional discussion and practical discussion.
Progression	Arable Technician, Horticulture Supervisor or into a role within the wider food chain.
English and maths	Candidates must have achieved a GCSE Grade 4 or above in both Maths and English.
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