

National Certificate in Horticulture (Introductory) (Level 2)

Our Practical Horticulture course will provide a broad knowledge of basic horticulture, an understanding of the main principles of successful plant growing and propagation, and a range of horticultural skills that you can use in commercial horticulture or on your own property.

This course will be of great value to anyone beginning their career or wanting to extend their knowledge and skills in horticulture and is suitable for:

- Keen beginners and students with some prior knowledge of horticulture and growing plants
- People looking at horticultural employment as growers, landscapers, or maintenance contractors
- Keen gardeners wishing to improve their knowledge and understanding of plant production, growth and maintenance

Topics covered include:

- The composition and basic properties of soil
- Modification of soil to improve its suitability for plant growth
- Fertilisers and their influence on plant growth
- Identifying pests and diseases
- Composting
- Plant structure and functions
- Plant propagation from seeds, cuttings, divisions etc
- The botanical system used for naming plants
- Planting of bedding plants, herbaceous perennials, shrubs and trees
- Maintaining tools
- Safety with agrichemicals
- Planting maintenance
- Pruning effectively and safely



Please note: Courses can be customised to meet the specific needs of a group learners.



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What Will You Gain?

You will gain broad knowledge of basic horticulture, an understanding of the main principles of successful plant growing, propagation and a range of horticultural skills. You will also find ongoing support and friendship, gain a network of horticultural contacts and have the opportunity to visit various horticultural ventures, such as propagation nurseries and observe them in operation.

Course Structure & Programme Delivery

The course typically runs over eight months with students attending weekly tutorials, workshops or fieldtrips either daytime (during school hours) OR evenings and weekends. Our tutors facilitate excellent learning opportunities using a variety of techniques including interactive and stimulating tutorials, group discussion, practical activities and case studies from real-life situations.

Students need access to an area of garden for the duration of the course. Depending on prior knowledge and experience, students may need to commit up to 10 hours per week to complete practical and theory assignments from home.

Location

Courses may be offered throughout New Zealand in most Agriculture New Zealand Training locations, subject to sufficient interest.

Qualifications & Further Opportunities

Successful students will be awarded a National Certificate in Horticulture (Introductory) Level 2 and may progress onto our popular Go Organic course or into employment in one of a wide range of horticultural employment opportunities.

Fees & Enrolment Information

These courses are approved for New Zealand Domestic Students and may be delivered in partnership with your local Polytechnic. Contact us for details regarding eligibility to enrol, and for course fees in your area.



About Agriculture New Zealand

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