

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horticulture 0078-03 (QAN no: 500/8401/X). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 Extended Diploma in Horticulture is a qualification aimed at providing you with a range of practical skills and knowledge. This will help you to seek employment or progression into further training within the Horticulture Industry.

Who is this qualification for?

It is for someone who works or wants to work within the Horticulture Industry.

Recommended entry requirements are:

- A level 2 Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma in Horticulture and/or
- previous practical experience within a Horticultural environment

What does the qualification cover?

The learner will need to complete about 19 units (depending on which ones are selected) to successfully gain this qualification.

The qualification includes a large number of units covering a range of topics.

The units that everyone is required to take are:

- Plant Science
- Soil Science
- Business Management
- Investigative Project
- Work Experience
- Machinery Operations

There are 46 optional units which allow you to pick areas of interest such as:

- Plant Propagation
 - Organic Crop Production
 - Interior Plant Displays
 - Maintain Turf in Parks and Gardens
 - Selection and Use of Ornamental Plants
 - Garden Design Briefs
 - Construct and Establish Sports and Amenity Turf Areas
 - Identification, Planting and Care of Trees
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- Manage Sports Turf Surfaces
- Estate Skills

For all units you will study both the practical and the knowledge of why you need to do and know certain things. You will get the chance to study different areas that interest you, especially through the investigative project.

The period of work experience will allow you to gain first hand experience of working for a golf course or a municipal park for example or other related horticulture industries.

The Extended Diploma is the largest in the suite of Horticulture qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to three A Levels. The qualification is typically delivered as a two-year full-time course at College and is aimed at learners who mainly know which industry they would like to specialise into. It provides a substantial core of knowledge and skills, alongside a wide range of optional units that enables learners to specialise in subjects that really interest them, or are important areas of study for employment in local businesses. Learners may wish to progress to further learning and training or to Higher Education.

The qualification has been developed in conjunction with industry, and with the support of Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for the Land-based Sector.

The qualification allows you to progress into employment. You might progress into the following roles:

- Production Horticulture Worker/Manager
- Assistant Green keeper
- Assistant Estates Manager
- Park keeper
- Technical Advisor/Consultant
- Assistant Racecourse Manager
- Garden centre Manager
- Grounds Maintenance Worker

You may wish to progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Horticulture, which allows you to combine working for a Golf Course or a similar job, and typically attending one day a week at College or with a Training Provider.

You might want to go on to higher education. The following Higher Education Institutes recognise that this qualification fulfils the requirements for entry onto a range of Higher Education programmes (in its own right or alongside other Level 3 qualifications):

- University of Portsmouth
- Myerscough College
- Reaseheath College

You can go on to study subjects such as:

- FdSc Horticulture
- BSc (Hons) Horticulture
- FdSc Sports Turf
- BSc (Hons) Sports Turf Science & Management
- Garden Design FdSc
- Garden Design – top up BSc (Hons)

This qualification carries 120 to 420 UCAS points (depending on the grade achieved).

See the following link <http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/explore-your-options/entry-requirements/tariff-tables>

Further information can be found on our website and within the qualification handbook:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/Courses-and-Qualifications/land-based-services/horticulture/0078-horticulture>