

Certificate in Horticulture

QQI Level 5

Course Duration:	One Year Fulltime
Awarding Body:	QQI
Progression:	Advanced Certificate in Horticulture (QQI Level 6) Bachelor of Science in Horticulture (Level 7 in collaboration with WIT)
Location:	National Botanic Gardens College Campus Ashtown
Application:	Directly to the College
Funding:	Teagasc Student Maintenance Grant (Means tested)

General Information & Course Schedule

This course involves 28 weeks of horticultural class work and skills and a four week Practical Learning Period (PLP) in a Teagasc approved horticultural unit. In an average week, students will spend three days at the college and two days skills training in a Dublin Local Authority Park.

Course Content

Subjects studied include:

- ☞ Identification and Use of Plants, Trees, Bulbs, Herbaceous Plants
- ☞ Soils and Plant Sciences
- ☞ Weed, Pest and Disease Control
- ☞ Hard Landscaping and Garden Design
- ☞ Plant Propagation
- ☞ Fruit/Vegetable Production
- ☞ Ornamental Horticulture

Course Aims

By combining class work at the National Botanic Gardens with horticultural work and skills training at the Dublin Local Authority Parks, students receive a balanced approach to the skill and knowledge required to start a career in horticulture or to progress on to a higher level horticultural course.

Admission and Entry Requirements

Application forms are available from the College from January and are also available on the College website. A student must be aged 17 or over on January 1st following entry to the course. There is no minimum educational requirement but those who have completed a Leaving Certificate are likely to benefit more from the course. Mature students are welcome to apply. Teagasc supports access for students with disabilities. Applicants should have a keen interest in working in and learning about practical horticulture.

Progression

Progression opportunities from the Certificate in Horticulture Level 5 include:

- ☞ Advanced Certificate in Horticulture (Level 6)
- ☞ Bachelor of Science in Horticulture (Level 7) Waterford Institute of Technology

Application Procedures

Students should apply directly to the College, contact details below.

Application forms are available from the college or www.teagasc.ie/botanicgardens

Course Fees

A course fee is applied to this course.

Please contact the college for current fees.

Further Information

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