

Fruit & Vegetable Production

QQI Level 5 (Component Award)



About the Course

The QQI Level 5 component award in Fruit and Vegetable Production will equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence to grow and manage a wide range of fruit and vegetables across all seasons. This course will lead to a minor award at NFQ Level 5 in Fruit and Vegetable Production.



Who should Apply?

This course is designed for anyone who wants to deepen their knowledge of the production of many food crops or for those who just have a general interest in horticulture.

It affords the opportunity to study an area of horticulture on a part-time basis while gaining an approved Level 5 minor award.

This module offers participants a chance to study at the Teagasc College, National Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin. By taking other Level 5 modules, students may be able to build towards a full award of QQI Certificate in Horticulture.



Module Content

On completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Explain key factors affecting fruit and vegetable production
- Identify a range of fruit and vegetable crops
- Describe pollination
- Explain fruit and vegetable nutrition
- Describe common problems of fruit & vegetables & controls
- Implement a range of skills and husbandry practices associated with vegetables
- Implement a range of skills and husbandry practices associated with fruit
- Compile a fruit and vegetable programme

Course Structure & Cost

The course will be offered in one 3 hour session per week over a 28 week period commencing in early September and running through to mid-May. Students will be required to perform a range of operations that are appropriate to fruit and vegetable production using safe work practices in the National Botanic Gardens. Skills learned during the course will be assessed regularly by College personnel.

Application forms are available from the College office, Teagasc College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. Tel: 01-8040201 or Email: botanic.college@teagasc.ie

From the Teagasc website: www.teagasc.ie