

# Landscape Design & Construction

(Component Award)



## About the Course

The Teagasc Colleges at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin and Kildalton College, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny are offering a QQI Level 6 component award in Landscape Design and Construction. This course will equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence to design a landscape project and take that design to the detailed plan, specification and construction stage. This course will lead to a minor award at NFQ Level 6 in Landscape Design and Construction (6N3620).

## Who should Apply?

The course is intended for those who are already employed in the landscaping sector. It is particularly suited to those who have gained knowledge from previous study of horticulture or have relevant design and plant knowledge. The course will help to develop a better understanding of design principles of gardens and also how a range of garden features are constructed.



## Progression

This award is a component part of the Advanced Certificate in Horticulture programme offered at The College of Amenity Horticulture, Glasnevin and Teagasc Kildalton College, Co. Kilkenny. On completion of this course, students can undertake further part-time or full-time courses or perhaps travel abroad on some of the College sponsored internships where they can work and learn with some top class landscape gardeners.



## Module Content

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

- Analyse the landscape design process
- Appraise the principles and elements that underlie landscape design
- Evaluate a range of landscape design features including their relevance for including in a proposed landscape design
- Explain the importance and use of plant materials in design
- Evaluate structural components of landscape features and how they work together, for example walls, steps and paving
- Implement the design process in full for a given design including the building of a range of garden features

## Course Structure

The course is offered over a 24 week period. In the National Botanic Gardens the course starts in September and runs 5 days a week until the end of October. At Teagasc Kildalton College, Co. Kilkenny the course starts in early January.

The subject is taught over 2 days per week. During this time students will develop a range of practical skills for garden design and construction as well as drawing skills. Students' practical skills of both garden construction and landscape design will be assessed after training. These skills culminate in assignments in which the student will design a number of sites and build a garden from the ground up. A work-based project will also form part of the overall assessment.

Please contact the college of your choice to access the precise mode of delivery and current fees.

## Entry Requirements

Applicants must complete an application form and submit it to the college of their choice by the end of May. Applicants must have a Level 5 Certificate in Horticulture or three years' experience in a relevant area of horticulture and provide a letter of recommendation from their current employer.

Application forms are available from:  
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Tel: 01-8040201 or Email: [botanic.college@teagasc.ie](mailto:botanic.college@teagasc.ie)

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Tel: 051-644400 or Email: [kildalton.college@teagasc.ie](mailto:kildalton.college@teagasc.ie)

From the Teagasc website: [www.teagasc.ie](http://www.teagasc.ie)