

Apprenticeship Course Details

Arborist Apprenticeship - Standards - 2019:20

Location:	Merrist Wood College
Course Code:	OS02WP1A001P
Year:	2019:20
Start Date:	Autumn only
Duration:	2 Years
Attendance:	1 day per week (except assessment weeks).
FT/PT:	Part-Time
Level:	2
Tuition Fees:	£ 15000 (Levy paying Employers)
Tuition Fees:	£ 750 (Non Levy Paying Employers with 50+ Employees)
Exam Fees:	£ 0
Other Fees:	Advanced Apprenticeships may have additional individual costs, we recommend you check with the college.



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Please note that the fees shown relate to the WHOLE programme but may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, including changes to Government funding and remission policies, so before enrolling on a course please check with the College for the latest information. The College also reserves the right to close, or not to start any published course.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained on this website is correct. However, the College reserves the right to change or amend, at any time, any of the course details including content, dates, times, venues, fees payable, concessions available, terms and conditions.

Content / Overview

The new Arborist Standard is a more detailed course, specified by the industry and will provide apprentices with the practical skills and knowledge to be able to work to a high standard.

The following certificates of competence will be included within the course:

- Level 2 award in emergency first aid at work
- Level 2 award in safe use of brushwood chipper
- Level 2 award in chainsaw maintenance
- Level 2 award in crosscutting timber using a chainsaw
- Level 2 award in felling and processing trees up to 380mm
- Level 2 award in accessing a tree using a rope and harness
- Level 3 award in aerial tree rescue operations
- Level 3 award in aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques
- Level 2 award in safe use of mobile elevated work platform
- Level 3 award in use of a chainsaw from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP)
- Traffic Management (NRSWA Unit 002 Signing, Lighting and Guarding) OR Sector Scheme 12D

Course Modules

The subjects covered are:

- The benefits of trees
- The use and application of arboricultural equipment

- The principles of the establishment, growth and care of trees
- The principles and importance of identifying trees and the value of using their scientific names
- The principles and importance of identifying and managing pests, diseases and disorders of trees
- Current environmental, wildlife and health and safety legislation, standards and codes of practice in relation to arboricultural works
- Legislation relating to trees e.g. Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas
- Procedures and specific instructions for dealing with incidents and emergencies
- Electrical safety for working in the vicinity of power lines

Why Study Here

Practical work is carried out both in the woods, the golf course and ornamental grounds of the College's 400 acre estate and on outside worksites, giving a good range of realistic working situations. Skilled and experienced tutors make full use of the well-equipped workshops, laboratories and wide range of machinery during the course, whilst the diverse range of tree and shrub species in the woodlands, ornamental grounds and plant nursery provides an excellent resource for developing plant knowledge. Several renowned gardens and aboretta, such as Kew, Wisley and Winkworth, are within easy reach of Merrist Wood.

Suitable For

Anyone wishing to start a career in forestry or arboriculture, or those already working in the industry who wish to further their career. Applicants must be in relevant employment by the time the course starts.

Application Method

Application followed by individual interview

Entry Requirements

You must be working in the arboriculture industry and be interested in developing your skills. Alternatively, we have a number of vacancies available every week and can help you find an employer.

Intermediate apprentices must have GCSE Maths and English at grade 3 (grade D) or above, or equivalent.

Assessment

This qualification is to be end point assessed. Apprentices will be assessed by an external assessor on a holistic project, an interview, multiple choice exams and a practical demonstration.

Further Study

You could move onto the Level 3 courses in Arboriculture or an Advanced Apprenticeship. Alternatively you could continue in your career within the arboriculture industry.

Additional Information

For further details about this Apprenticeship please contact the Work Based Learning Co-ordinator on 01483 884136.
