

The B.E.S.T. in Horticulture Group

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Delivering fully-supported distance and blended courses in horticulture

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B.E.S.T. in Horticulture was started by Tony Davies and Janet Prescott to provide horticultural education outside a conventional college environment; their team of tutors and subject specialists come from a number of horticultural colleges and the industry. A little bit about us:

Tony Davies Mhort (RHS), DipHort (Dist), SCD(HONS), DipRSA, CertED, FI Hort. lectured in business planning and development at Sparsholt College and went on to be the Learning Manager in charge of Horticulture. He is the former Head of Horticulture at Warwickshire College (Pershore College). A professional horticulturist for many years, he has run a number of commercial enterprises, specialising in ornamental nursery stock production and horticultural retail.

As an educationalist, he has worked with a number of awarding bodies; City & Guilds, EDEXCEL and the RHS as an examiner and in developing qualifications. He is a qualified instructor and a registered City and Guilds Assessor for a wide range of machinery and equipment.

Tony is a career horticulturist; he is passionate about horticultural education and training and is keen to share his expertise, knowledge and enthusiasm with anyone who wants to learn about the diverse world of horticulture.

Janet Prescott BA (Hons) BSc Hort (Hons) PGCE., PGDip in the Conservation of Historic Gardens and the Landscaped Environment

lectured on RHS courses and Horticultural Science at Sparsholt and Pershore Colleges, and with Tony Davies helped to construct Gold medal-winning exhibits for Warwickshire College at Chelsea and Hampton Court in 2009-2011. She has worked with the RHS on course development and has also written for City and Guilds qualifications.

As a mid-life career changer into horticulture, she is keen to help other people to achieve their own horticultural ambitions. For several years she has opened her garden under the National Gardens Scheme.



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The Academy of Practical Horticulture Ltd.

Delivering practical skills to gardeners and professional horticulturists

Royal Horticultural Society Level 2 Practical Certificate

Consolidated programme

RHS courses are ideal for anyone who has an interest in plants and gardening.

And if you are looking to change your career, or develop a career in horticulture, RHS qualifications provide the skills and knowledge you need.

Studying an RHS practical course means your skills and knowledge will be assessed against RHS standards, giving you a professional qualification in horticulture.



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RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

Many people study at Level 2 as the first step in changing to a career in horticulture.

This is also an ideal course for adult beginners or keen gardeners who want to develop their practical skills.

There are no formal entry requirements, only a minimum level of fitness to do simple practical work, and it is particularly suited to adult learners who haven't recently studied or prefer hands-on learning and assessment to written exams.

We offer the Level 2 Practical Certificate at all our centres, but we have a unique programme at Ryton Gardens for anyone whose work or location mean they are unable to commit to a regular weekly schedule at a centre.

Level 2 Practical Consolidated programme



This specialist study programme allows you to attend two study weeks, one in summer and one in winter, with an online learning 'bridge' between them.

When you start the course you will be given a folder of comprehensive full-colour notes to help you prepare for the assessments, with access to our online classroom which also has videos, notes and presentations on plant identification.

Every day during the study weeks your tutor will demonstrate seasonal practical tasks from the RHS qualification, let you practise and give you help and guidance - and then assess your work.

Each day there will also be an opportunity to study plants for identification tests the following day.

During the 'bridge' period you will have access to the online classroom and tutor support to study the background material for the simple proformas you need to complete in class, which are used as evidence in completion of the course.

Course content

You will study 7 units:

- **Soil Testing**
- **Sowing seeds and vegetative propagation techniques**
- **Practical skills in ground preparation for seeding and planting**
- **Practical skills in establishing seeds and plants in soil**
- **Care and pruning of plants**
- **Identification of a range of common garden plants, weeds, pests, diseases, disorders and beneficial organisms**

Achievement:

When you have passed all of the assessments, we will apply to the RHS for your Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture.



Fees:

Tuition £575.50 + awarding body fees for registration £112 = £687.50 + VAT.

The total payable £825 (or four payments of £210, including administration fee)

Course dates:

Block 1: 17th - 21st February 2020 **Block 2:** 27th - 31st July 2020