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# Level 1 City and Guilds 7573 Diploma Practical Horticulture Skills

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## What is the course about?

The qualification is aimed at learners aged 16 and above who want to get started in the horticulture industry. Focusing upon the fundamental practical skills in horticulture, you will be able to learn skills such as planting out, preparing ground, pruning, using a mower, maintaining turf or constructing a path. All our tutors are experienced horticulturists and progression through the course might be able to provide an opportunity for an apprenticeship or full time employment.

## What are the entry requirements?

All applicants will be required to undertake an interview. A really keen interest in the subject and a clear commitment to the course is necessary for the student to succeed. As applications for this course are usually high and available student spaces are strictly limited, you are encouraged to make an application to College as soon as practicable

## What subjects will I study?

The course is broken down into units and includes but not restricted to:

- Prepare for sowing or planting
- Plant container grown subjects
- Prepare soil and apply an organic mulch
- Determine soil types
- Plant flower bulbs
- Care for planted area
- Lift, divide and plant herbaceous perennials
- Propagate stem cuttings
- Use of hand held machinery
- Identify trees and shrubs
- Identify weeds

A course specific handbook can be found on the City & Guilds Website:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/land-based-services/horticulture/7573-practical-horticulture-skills#tab=information&acc=level>

## How will I be assessed?

The course commences September. Each unit is split into practical and theory elements. Self-study is part of the course and you will be set some written assignments that will require some research and time management. Most units are practically based

As part of life skills development and an entry requirement onto the Level 2 course, students will be required to attend Maths or English GCSE classes and successfully achieve D or above

Attendance

Full Time – 1 year two days per week

Part time – 2 year one day per week

## What are my progression and career options?

Successful completion of this course will assist you in progressing onto Level 2 Horticulture or directly into employment.

## Who should I contact?

Please contact the Programme Area Secretary on 648205 or email [applications@ucm.ac.im](mailto:applications@ucm.ac.im).