

TEAGASC COLLEGE OF AMENITY HORTICULTURE

FULL TIME

QQI LEVEL 6

ADVANCED CERT

IN HORTICULTURE

This is a 32 week course for students wishing to progress into careers in the horticultural sector.

COURSE DURATION
1 Year Full Time
LOCATION
- National Botanic Gardens, - Ashtown Campus, Dublin 15.
COST
€990.00 or €1,990 for student which hold a level 6 or higher in any discipline

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General Information & Course Schedule

This course is offered over a 32 week period and will consist of either 24 or 16 weeks of College based course work and 8 or 16 weeks of a practical learning period (PLP) depending on the chosen stream.

Course Delivery

Course material will be delivered face to face through a combination of practical instruction and assessment and class based teaching. All practicals will be delivered face to face for instruction and assessment in the National Botanic Gardens and Teagasc Ashtown.

Moodle is the online learning platform that will be used as the resource for supplementary learning content for students. Moodle will also be used for hosting recorded class content for some but not all modules.

Course Content

Subjects included in the QQI Level 6 course will vary with the stream chosen. Students select one stream and take appropriate modules. Level 6 component modules are credit weighted ie 15 credit or 30 credits depending on the subject content.

The Advanced Certificate in Horticulture provides students with the opportunity to acquire management knowledge and skills to effectively manage and carry out day to day tasks and long term management of parks and gardens, sportsturf and commercial horticultural enterprises. The course is suitable for those who are;

- Seeking employment as supervisors, technicians or unit managers
- Seeking employment in the horticultural business service sector
- Transferring to the BSc in Horticulture (Level 7)

Admission, Entry Requirements and Application Procedures

- Students who have successfully achieved a Certificate in Horticulture QQI Level 5 may progress to the Advanced Certificate in Horticulture QQI level 6
- Students should apply directly to the College
- Application forms are available from the College and from the College website
- Teagasc supports access for students with disabilities

Entry requirements (up to 60 credits)

The level 6 component courses (part time modules which are worth 15 or 30 credits) are open to students who have successfully achieved a **Certificate in Horticulture QQI Level 5** or persons currently **working within the horticulture industry with relevant experience**. For those who do not hold a Level 5 Certificate in Horticulture or equivalent, a letter from current employer must be provided outlining your experience to date and a competency based interview will take place to demonstrate knowledge, skills and competency to successfully participate at level 6.

Entry requirements (over 60 credits)

Students who wish to take more than 60 credits **must complete the Level 5 Certificate in Horticulture or equivalent**. Equivalence means using the Teagasc RPL process. This is the normal progression route for students. Contact the college for more information on how to do this.

Progression

Students who successfully complete the Advanced Certificate in Horticulture Level 6 with a merit or distinction are eligible to apply for advanced entry to year 2 of the BSc in Horticulture Level 7 (WIT) which is conducted at the College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens

HOW TO ACHIEVE A FULL QQI LEVEL 6 IN HORTICULTURE

Our Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Horticulture offers a stream choice which provides a direct qualification in a specific horticultural area as follows; Landscaping, Nursery Stock, Sports Turf or Food Production. If taking the option of studying our Level 6 Component subjects with the view to achieving the full level 6 award we recommend that applicants complete modules specific to a chosen stream. To achieve a full level 6 advanced certificate in horticulture a person would have to reach 120 credits in a chosen Stream (*see table below*).

LANDSCAPING		
QQI CODE	MODULES	CREDITS
6N3620	LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION	30
6N3607	GARDEN AND PARKS SUPERVISION	30
6N2191	LEADERSHIP	15
6N2104	SUPERVISORY SKILLS	15
6N3645	ECOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT	15
6N3624	TREE AND SHRUB MANAGEMENT	15
Course work: 24 weeks Practical Learning Period (PLP): 8 weeks		
NURSERY STOCK PRODUCTION		
QQI CODE	MODULES	CREDITS
6N3610	NURSERY STOCK PRODUCTION	30
6N3609	GARDEN CENTRE OPERATIONS	30
6N2191	LEADERSHIP	15
6N2104	SUPERVISORY SKILLS	15
6N3645	ECOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT	15
6N3624	TREE AND SHRUB MANAGEMENT	15
Course work: 16 weeks Practical Learning Period (PLP): 16 weeks		
SPORTSTURF		
QQI CODE	MODULES	CREDITS
6N3623	SPORTSTURF SCIENCE AND MAINTENANCE	30
6N3607	GARDEN & PARKS SUPERVISION	30
6N2191	LEADERSHIP	15
6N2104	SUPERVISORY SKILLS	15
6N3645	ECOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT	15
6N3624	TREE AND SHRUB MANAGEMENT	15
Course work: 16 weeks Practical Learning Period (PLP): 16 weeks		
FOOD PRODUCTION		
QQI CODE	MODULES	CREDITS
6N3614	MARKET GARDENING	30
6N3623	HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTION MECHANISATION	30
6N2191	LEADERSHIP	15
6N2104	SUPERVISORY SKILLS	15
6N3645	ECOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT	15
6N3624	TREE AND SHRUB MANAGEMENT	15
Course work: 16 weeks Practical Learning Period (PLP): 16 weeks		

* QQI Level 6 Streams are offered subject to numbers Course Aims