

Horticulture

This course creates an awareness of the viability of growing your own. It concentrates on the growing of food crops, trees, shrubs and decorative plants. It gives an introduction to Plant Identification and Landscaping which could lead to a career in garden design. The Plant identification module is further enhanced by the continual development of schematic /thematic plantings on campus. The course is designed for applicants who wish to progress to degree level to study horticulture or landscaping. It will also suit the hobby grower who may be considering expanding into a viable area of business and it is ideal for those wishing to work in General Horticulture. The emphasis will be on practical work with the use of the college grounds and polytunnel for growing food and ornamental crops. Biocide use will be kept to a minimum for personal and environmental safety. Students are introduced to Biodynamics.

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate, LCA or QQI Level 4. Mature students are exempt from Leaving Certificate requirement. All applicants are interviewed.

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Certificate in Horticulture 5M2586
- QQI Component Maths 5N1833 (available as option in evening for learners requiring Maths for progression)

Course Content

- Plant Identification and Use 5N2527
- Soil Science and Growing Media 5N2530
- Plant Science 5N2528
- Work Practice 5N1433
- Plant Protection 5N2546
- Plant Propagation 5N2547 or Landscape Construction and Maintenance 5N1908
- Fruit and Vegetable Production 5N2552
- Start Your Own Business 5N1418 or Word Processing 5N1356
- Communications 5N0690

Work Placement:

Students undertake a work placement one day per week for the duration of the course

Education Progression Opportunities

Great progression opportunities to UCC and other Higher Education colleges. Special arrangements in place with CIT (CCPS), Tralee IT and Waterford IT for preferential entry for College of Commerce students. Up to 390 CAO points for any Institute of Technology can be attained by successful completion of this course.

Career Opportunities

Garden centres, formal gardens, self employment. All students can Graduates can subscribe to 'CCOC college jobs register' and CCOC LinkedIn alumni for up to date vacancies and networking.

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