

THREE-DAY BASIC LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND HORTICULTURE. 2

(NQF 66589 / 66649 / 67424 / 49668 / 264192)

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

- Plant structure and the functionality of plants including maintenance tips.
- Plant propagation.
- Soil profiles and types.
- Creating a compost heap.
- Mulching.
- Fertilizers and understanding formulas.
- Pest and diseases and treatments.
- Health and safety.
- Landscape restoration.
- ➤ To establish a good understanding of the basic principles of landscaping.
- ➤ Application of these principles to your own space.
- Analysis of space (yours mainly) and application of design themes.
- Understanding the major plant nutrients and how they affect your garden.

- Analysis of your garden space.
- > Soft landscaping.
- Plant combinations and workshopping.
- > Hard landscaping.
- > Focal point and special feature.
- Understanding of scales.
- > Design your own garden as per plan provided.
- Presentation of design.

DAY ONE:

INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMME / COURSE OBJECTIVES SESSION ONE: HOW PLANTS WORK (NQF 119711 / 264241 / 116220)

OUTCOME: A clearer understanding of how plants function daily and what this means to you and your garden. Understanding how roots, stems, leaves, and seeds can be used to propagate plants.

- Roots
- Stems
- Leaves
- Flowers
- Seeds
- Propagation

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SESSION TWO: GARDEN SOILS (NQF 264179 / 119703)

OUTCOME: A practical understanding of the soil type in your garden, how this affects plants and fertilizing. How to amend problem soils.

- Sands, Clays and Loams
- Improve your Soils.
- The Art of Composting.

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SESSION THREE: FERTILIZERS (NQF 119695 / 264258)

OUTCOME: Understanding the major plants nutrients and how they affect your garden. What type of fertilizer should I be using in my garden

Effects of fertilizers on soils and the environment

Should I be going organic in my garden?

- The Big Boys (NPK)
- The Tiny Tots (Trace Elements)
- What to Buy
- How and when to apply
- Liquid Fertilizers
- Organic Fertilizers

DAY TWO:

TEA

SESSION FOUR: PESTS AND DISEASES (NQF 116124 / 12586 / 264236 / 119708)

OUTCOME: Insects' friend or foe?

A clearer understanding of the role that insects play in our gardens.

How to identify and treat

Emphasis is placed on organic cures and principles.

- Common problems and insects
- Dreaded diseases
- What must I do?
- The Garden Allies

SESSION FIVE: DESIGN PRINCIPLES (NQF 119689 / 72424)

- Horticultural Redesign Checklist
- Design for you Overview.
- Horticultural Redesign:

Going about redesigning an existing garden

Design Beginning

Where does all this begin – your site / your space?

Design Ground Rules

Tension

Mystery

Surprise

Simplicity

Unity & Harmony

Interest & Atmosphere

Colour

Texture & Shape

Balance

Seasonal Choices

Task Analysis / Case Study – Apply to your own Garden.

Practical Assessment

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SESSION 6: DESIGN PHILOSOPHY (NQF 119689 / 72424)

Analysis of your Garden Space

What you need to consider in the Development / Turnaround of your garden

Design Philosophy – Your Story

Desired Philosophy & Concepts

Mid-Term Turnaround

Long-Term Turnaround

- Homework: Planning of your Space Layout

TEA

SESSION 7: SOFT LANDSCAPING (NQF 264259 / 264184)

- Planting Combination Rules / Plants to Furnish Plant Species: Ground Covers / Shrubs / Trees Understorey / Middle Storey / Upper Storey
- What to do first? Time, Patience, The Will to Make it Work. Planning & Research

HOMEWORK

DAY THREE:

SESSION 8: HARD LANDSCAPING (NQF 264259 / 264184 / 72424)

- Introduction to Map Design & Layout
- Focal Points / Feature Appointments and Where to Start

Boundaries

Features

Complimentary Planting

Hard Elements to Consider in the Planning Process

Scale: How to read it & use it

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- Planting Combination Rules Plants to Furnish the Space
- Exercise: Group work in Applying Themes to Planting Combinations

LUNCH

- Practical Design Exercise + Presentation
 Student to Draw a Design (Unique) based on Theory Presented. All Aspects to be incorporated.
- Design Presentation & Discussion
- Evalution test.



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