

Level 2 Apprenticeship in Environmental Conservation

The aim of an Apprenticeship is to gain a qualification along with workplace experience and to provide a platform of skills to enable further development to an Advanced Level.

The Course

The duration of the course is 15 months and is delivered either in the workplace or at college (candidates progress at their own pace and may complete in a shorter time period).

Course Content

The framework consists of:

- Level 2 Diploma in Work Based Environmental Conservation (QCF)
- Key Skills
 - Communication Level 1
 - Application of Number Level 1
- Level 2 Award in Business for the Environment and Land-based Sector (QCF)
- First Aid at Work (Emergency)
- Employee Rights and Responsibilities
- Personal Learning and Thinking skills

Candidates must achieve a minimum of (37) credits. The following Environmental Conservation units would apply:

Mandatory Units

- 200 Monitoring and Maintaining Health and Safety (3)
- 201 Maintain and develop personal performance (2)
- 202 Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others (2)
- 203 Maintain environmental good practise (3)
- 204 Communicate with the public and others (3)
- 205 Promote responsible public use of the environment (4)

Optional Units *

- 206 Conduct and report on a field survey (2)
- 219 Work with and consult the local community (2)
- 220 Work with children and young adults during environmental activities (2)
- 239 Establish plants or seeds in soil (2)
- 240 Maintain equipment and machines (2)
- 306 Produce management plans for environmental sites (3)
- 314 Co-ordinate and oversee habitat management work (3)
- 251 Construct, maintain and repair post and rail boundaries (4)
- 266 Site and install site furniture and structures (2)

****There are other optional units that could be used instead of the list above. If the above topics do not fit into your work naturally please talk to the college regarding alternative options.***

Alternatively, the college offers apprenticeships specialising in the following areas:

Horticulture and Trees and Timber

Assessment

You will be assessed by carrying out a range of practical and written assignments throughout the course in the college and at your place of work. You will also need to sit some formal tests for the Diploma and Key skills.

Qualification Gained

Completion of this course leads to the nationally recognised award of Level 2 Apprenticeship in Environmental Conservation consisting of Level 2 Diploma in Environmental Conservation; Key Skills Level 1 in Communications and Application of Number, Level 2 Award in Business for the Environment and Land-based Sector and Emergency First Aid.

Progression

On completion of the course, the learner may be ready to move on to more complex tasks relating to their field of work. Appropriate follow on training might include, the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Environmental Conservation.

Entry Requirements

You are welcome to visit the college to discuss and identify with a course tutor and Apprenticeship Manager a study programme that will help you towards your intended career. All students are assessed on an individual basis but the normal entry requirements are:

- Educated to GCSE standard and working at level 1
- At least 16 years old on entry
- You will need to be employed within the Environmental Conservation industry and work a minimum of 30 hours per week and have a contract of employment.

Fees payable by the employer for any student aged 19 or over on 1st August 2011

Small employer (less than 1000 employees) 19-24 years £1300, 25+ £1500. Large employer (1000 or more employees) 19-24 years £1800, 25+ £2000. Fees cover the full cost of registration for the Level 2 Diploma and Award in Business for the Environment and Land-based Sector, Key skills and an Emergency First Aid Certificate. It also includes a contribution towards tuition fees. There are no employer fees for students under 19 years of age. Additional components to the framework can be delivered, but there will be a requirement for the additional costs to be met by the employer.

Additional Costs for Equipment

Students will need to have steel toe-cap boots and wet weather gear. A lever arch file with dividers with a note pad is also required. It would be helpful for the student to have access to a camera to record their progress and develop suitable evidence for their portfolio.

Venue

Work-based

The Environmental Conservation Industry

Capel Manor College, by offering Apprenticeships are responding to local and national employer needs and will ensure that all frameworks are reflective of the needs of the industry.