



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What Does The Dublin School of Horticulture offer?

The Dublin School of Horticulture offers a comprehensive range of courses on horticulture delivered by people with practical and theoretical experience in a friendly atmosphere.

- Part-time classes over 24 weeks
- One day or two evenings per week
- Courses are based only on horticultural subjects
- Gain an internationally recognised qualification awarded by the Royal Horticultural Society
- If you are already working in horticulture these courses will help improve your career opportunities
- Optional guided visits to gardens of interest
- ALL tutors are experienced in horticultural practice & theory
- & Most Important: Meet Like Minded People & Make New Friends!

2. Why should I take a DSH course over any other horticultural course offered elsewhere?

The RHS modules are at present the most comprehensive internationally recognized horticultural courses available and are studied on a world-wide bases. The Dublin School of Horticulture is a "Regional Examination Centre" for the RHS Exams

All RHS examinations may be taken with us in Dublin, the only exception being the Diploma Module H practical exam.

3. Why is there no "Level 1" course?

The "RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture" replaces the "RHS General Certificate". The word "General" was not recognized by the UK educational system and therefore was assigned a "Level 2" rating.

4. How suitable are these courses for beginners with absolutely no experience?

The "RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture" is an excellent beginners course and lays down a comprehensive foundation in all aspects of horticulture. It is either



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run two nights a week or one day for 24 weeks with five Saturdays in the National Botanic Gardens. This works out at 120 hours in the classroom and 30 hours in the National Botanic Gardens. We have built up considerable experience over the last 12 years or so in which we have taught the "Level 2" course and have made it enjoyable and easily assimilated. Upon completion there is the option of progressing to the "RHS Level 3 Certificate".

5. Do these courses provide any "hands-on" learning?

The "RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture" consists of 120 hours class based learning accompanied by a further 30 hours of learning in the National Botanic Gardens where various aspects of horticulture can be seen first hand.

6. Are the courses part-time or full-time?

All of these courses are run on a part-time basis. The "RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture" is taught over a 24-week period and consists of 120 hours of classes. The Advanced Modules A, B & I are each broken into 60 hours of classes for each module.

7. I have a full-time job. How long does it take to complete the course?

Many people who do the RHS Courses are in full-time employment. The majority of these candidates successfully complete the course and sit the RHS examinations.

8. What do I get at the end of the course?

Those candidates that sit the examinations have the opportunity to attain an internationally recognized certificate in horticulture. However even if you prefer not to take the examinations you will gain tremendously from the experience of studying horticulture first hand in the company of diverse group of interested individuals.

9. What opportunities may arise as a result of taking these courses?

An RHS qualification will give you the knowledge needed to perform well in horticulture related interviews, as well as the fundamental skill required for working in all sectors of the horticultural industry e.g. working in a garden centre or nursery, landscaping, consultancy, elementary design or even research.

