

## **Gardening OCN Level 1**

### ***Who is this course for?***

All abilities are welcome from the beginner to those wishing to further their knowledge and everyone is able to work at their own pace in a workshop environment. Level 2 offers a progression route from a level 1 course.

### ***What will I learn?***

The courses are accredited through the Open College Network. Courses may include other topics such as composting and growing herbs.

By the end of the general gardening course you should be able to:

- Determine texture, acidity or alkalinity of soil
- Choose plants appropriately and select fertilisers for the different plants
- Prune shrubs and learn propagation techniques
- Identify pests and weeds
- Be familiar with different types of gardening i.e. greenhouse, vegetable, lawn
- Explore composting and organic methods

### ***How will I learn?***

There will be a range of teaching and learning methods used including practical work, demonstrations and workshop discussion. Feedback will be given in a variety of methods. There will be a range of resources available.

Teaching methods and materials will be varied in order to support different learning styles and preferences. Lessons will be planned to be inclusive and demonstrate respect for all students.

### ***How long is the course?***

This course will enrol on a termly basis.

### ***How much does it cost?***

Please contact your centre for course fees. A reduced fee may be available, ask your centre for details. No special equipment is required and costs are kept to a minimum.

### ***Are there any entry requirements?***

No.

### ***What happens in the first class?***

There will be an induction to the programme, finding out your existing level of knowledge or skill in this area and planning your learning.

### ***Do I need to do additional work outside the class?***

This is negotiable with your tutor.

### ***Can I get extra help?***

Support with English and maths is available through our network of literacy and numeracy workshops, along with the general study skills support through our Study Skills Workshops.

If you feel you may need extra help because you are disabled or have a learning disability, please discuss this with the centre organiser before the start of the course, more information is available in our disability statement.

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### ***How will my learning be assessed?***

There is no exam. A portfolio of work is produced and work is assessed regularly against the learning outcomes and assessment criteria at the appropriate level. Both Internal and External Moderators visit classes to ensure quality and standards.

### ***Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA)***

All ACES programmes work to the RARPA quality standard. This means that your tutor will: (1) set clear programme aims; (2) find out what you already know and what you want to achieve; (3) work with you to agree learning outcomes for you; (4) assess your progress during the course and give you feedback on this; (5) assess your achievement with you at the end of the course. Your tutor will explain this more fully during the course.

### ***Is there anything else I need to know about this course?***

Minimum attendance is 80%

### ***Where next?***

The Open College accredited certificates offer progression to level three in a range of subjects, e.g. art, flower arranging or crafts.

Wakefield Adult & Community Education Service recognises the increasing importance of appropriate Maths and English qualifications to enable learners to take full advantages of the opportunities offered by further studies, improved employment prospects and increased community involvement. All learners who do not already have such qualifications will be offered the opportunity to improve their skills in these areas either through activities embedded within their vocational courses or through signposting to appropriate Skills for Life provision. Some vocational courses may have a requirement for such accreditation to be gained before completion of the course or before progression to the next level.

We are committed to ensuring that all members of the community have equal access to our programmes and an equal chance to succeed within them.

*The Adult and Community Education Service reserves the right to close or cancel courses at their discretion, owing to for example, unavailability of tutors, facilities, or insufficient enrolment. If an entire course is cancelled, your fee will be refunded in full unless we can offer you a reasonable alternative.*