

LEVEL 2 NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN FLORISTRY (0344-20)

DURATION

This is a 450 hour programme delivered over one year, two days per week; 9.00 am to 4.30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

Floristry programmes at Bournville College provide specific vocational preparation at various levels, extending over a period of four or more years and leading to qualifications awarded by City and Guilds NPTC, including the Advanced National Certificate level 3.

This award is aimed at candidates who

- do not have access to an NVQ
- wish for career progression within the sector
- wish to develop the skill learnt from GNVQs and other qualifications
- require evidence towards the underpinning knowledge of the NVQ
- are looking for progression into higher education

The award is suitable for school leavers or for adults looking for a change in career. It is designed to contribute towards the knowledge and understanding for the NVQ in Floristry, while containing additional skills and knowledge which go beyond the scope of the National Occupational Standards. It provides a valuable alternative for those candidates who do not have access to the NVQ.

It is not intended for those who require instruction in floral craft and decoration for recreational purposes.

CONTENT

To gain the level 2 National Certificate in Floristry, candidates must undertake assessments and assignments for 10 core units plus one optional unit. A total of eleven units in all are required to achieve the award, plus an on-line multiple choice test. Additionally you will be required to complete a minimum of 5 days of supervised work in a floristry business (at least 40 hours).

Core Units

- Unit 221 Identification and processing of cut materials and pot plants
- Unit 222 Introduction to art and design for florists
- Unit 223 Introduction to plant processes and planted designs
- Unit 224 Hand tied and presentation floral designs
- Unit 225 Funeral and sympathy floral designs
- Unit 226 Design and construction of floral arrangements
- Unit 227 Simple floral wedding designs and accessories
- Unit 228 Display of floristry goods
- Unit 229 Introduction to working in the floristry industry
- Unit 230 Process cost and evaluate floral designs

Optional Units

- Unit 231 Introduction to function decorating using floral displays
- Unit 232 Introduction to balloon artistry

TEACHING METHODS

Students develop their skills through a combination of lectures, demonstrations, practical sessions and workshops and work experience.

ASSESSMENT

Assignments including practical assessments will be marked by the centre according to externally set marking criteria.

Vocational

All assignments are made up of a series of tasks an overall grade for each assignment will be awarded at pass, merit or distinction.

- Pass level – In order to gain a Pass grade, candidates must show they can carry out activities to a satisfactory standard in the practical and underpinning knowledge tests.
- Merit level – In order to gain a Merit grade, candidates must show additional qualities, such as ability to work with greater efficiency and a capacity to monitor information and solve everyday operational problems with a certain amount of confidence.
- Distinction level – In order to gain a Distinction grade, candidates must show a greater level of understanding than those at merit level. In addition to the ability to monitor information and solve problems, they must be able to analyse and evaluate information and generalise from basic principles, make judgement and simple recommendations concerning methods of improving existing practice.

The multiple choice on-line test assesses knowledge and understanding. It is set synoptically i.e. covers the content of more than one unit.

QUALIFICATION GAINED

On successful completion of the programme students will be awarded the National Certificate in Floristry (0344-20) Level 2.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRESSION

Students may be able to progress on to the Advanced National Certificate Level 3.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Employment in a retail florist shop, nursery, hotel, conference centre, parks department, National Exhibition Centre and International Convention Centre etc. Self-employment is also an option.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should be able to demonstrate some artistic/creative ability and have reached a reasonable level of attainment in mathematics and English i.e. GCSE grade D or above. Places will be offered subject to initial assessment and interview.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for this course should be made to Bournville College Information and Advice Centre, and entry onto the programme will be dependent upon a satisfactory interview.

FOR AN APPLICATION FORM

Please contact the Information and Advice Centre on 0121 483 1111, call in or go to www.bournville.ac.uk

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