

New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Level 3)

The New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (General) Level 3 is the first of a new generation of horticulture courses that can help you grow food for the family, design a garden you will be proud of or set you on a pathway to careers in the horticulture sectors.

This is the qualification perfectly designed whether you simply enjoy gardening, are already working in the industry or seeking a horticulture role, this certificate is sure to grow your knowledge and skills.

Qualification code NZ2677

Level > 3	Credits > 60
Workload >	Allow 10 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates
Study type >	Open
Cost >	See the qualification page on the website
Student loan >	This qualification is not eligible for student loans.

Career Opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career across all sectors of the horticulture industry such as plant nurseries, orchards, garden centres or parks and reserves.

How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page. If you're enrolling in this qualification for the first time, select HOR300 Introduction to Botany and Plant Propagation and click add to enrolment plan. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time.



Qualification structure

To achieve this qualification, you need to successfully complete all courses (total 60 credits). You need to study the courses in the order shown below in the Course Structure Table. Go to the qualification page on our website and click on each course for a full description and availability.

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
COMPULSORY GROUP		
COMPLETE ALL COURSES FROM THIS GROUP		
HOR300	Introduction to Botany and Plant Nursery Production	15
HOR301	Introduction to Soil Science	15
HOR302	Introduction to Plant Protection	15
HOR303	Amenity Horticultural Practices	15

Entry requirements

To study this programme you must hold NCEA Level 1, or equivalent.

If you are studying this programme you are only able to enrol in one course at a time.

20 years old or over

Applicants who have attained the age of 20 years and do not hold the minimum entry requirements will be eligible to be enrolled where their previous educational, work or life experience indicates they have a reasonable likelihood of success.

Access to a garden

To study this programme you need to have access to a garden or a horticultural or agricultural area. An example of this could be friend's garden, public gardens, reserves etc. This should be sufficient to allow you to complete the required assessments.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

English language requirements

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic or General) score of 5.0 with no band score lower than 5.0, or equivalent.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage to view our English language criteria.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You cannot study this programme if you're an international student living in New Zealand or overseas.

You cannot study this programme if you're a New Zealand citizen living overseas.

Learn more about studying as an international student openpolytechnic.ac.nz/study-with-us/distance-learning-with-us/international-students