

# Outdoor Learning

## Practical Horticulture

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Gain hands-on experience whilst studying our new Level 1 Certificate in Practical Horticulture course, delivered in the wonderful grounds here at Northern College.

Perfect for beginners and garden enthusiasts eager to develop essential horticultural skills in your local community.

When does this start and end?	What are the entry requirements?	Need more information?
<p>We have 2 different start dates for this course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 16 September 2025 - 6 November 2025</li><li>• 3 February 2026 - 26 March 2026</li></ul>	<p>No formal qualifications are required. A reasonable level of mobility is required for this course, and a willingness to learn.</p>	<p>You can find out more about Northern College and the courses on offer by calling us on 01226 776000 or emailing us <a href="mailto:courses@northern.ac.uk">courses@northern.ac.uk</a></p>

## Course description

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Over the duration of the course, you'll learn a variety of new skills

which could include;

- The fundamentals of soil preparation
- Planting
- Maintenance
- Sustainable gardening practices

Don't worry about the weather and the time of year, this course is developed and adapted to each season. So, depending on the season you start the course in, you'll learn all the relevant skills needed to continue to develop and maintain a garden space.

As well as learning new skills, you will also be contributing to the creation and growth of a brand-new community garden which will have the potential to become a cherished gathering place and a central feature of the College.

On completion of this course you will achieve:

- C&G Level 1 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

This course will take place at the Northern College campus.

### What can this course lead to?

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Successful completion of this course could enable you to progress onto a Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture as well as completion of specialised Land Based certifications\*

\*On completion of a Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

learners can access fully funded specialised 'Licence to Practice' qualifications for example Certificate of Competence in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting. Please speak to your tutor for more information regarding these qualifications.

## **Want to learn more?**

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You can find out more about Northern College and the courses on offer at one of our Open Events [<https://www.northern.ac.uk/open-events/>]

## **Course session dates**

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### **Session dates for 16 September 2025 - 6 November 2025**

- Tuesday 16 Sep 2025 to Thursday 18 Sep 2025
- Tuesday 23 Sep 2025 to Thursday 25 Sep 2025
- Tuesday 30 Sep 2025 to Thursday 02 Oct 2025
- Tuesday 07 Oct 2025 to Thursday 09 Oct 2025
- Tuesday 14 Oct 2025 to Thursday 16 Oct 2025
- Tuesday 21 Oct 2025 to Thursday 23 Oct 2025
- Tuesday 04 Nov 2025 to Thursday 06 Nov 2025

### **Session dates for 3 February 2026 - 26 March 2026**

- Tuesday 03 Feb 2026 to Thursday 05 Feb 2026
- Tuesday 10 Feb 2026 to Thursday 12 Feb 2026
- Tuesday 24 Feb 2026 to Thursday 26 Feb 2026
- Tuesday 03 Mar 2026 to Thursday 05 Mar 2026
- Tuesday 10 Mar 2026 to Thursday 12 Mar 2026
- Tuesday 17 Mar 2026 to Thursday 19 Mar 2026
- Tuesday 24 Mar 2026 to Thursday 26 Mar 2026

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