



Forestry & Arboriculture Diploma

Arboriculture (or tree surgery) is the perfect career if you have a good head for heights, love working outdoors and wish to help conserve and protect trees. As an arboriculturist you will be responsible for cultivating and managing shrubs, hedgerows and trees, in both rural and urban settings and will be involved in all aspects of felling, preserving, planting and protecting trees.

We offer three options for you to gain a career in the arboriculture industry depending on your GCSE results. Our Level 3 course offers you the choice of university study or employment on completion of your course. Our Level 2 and Level 1 courses are ideal if you would like more time to develop your skills before progressing on to further study.

The extensive Bicton College estate is the perfect setting to hone your forestry and arboriculture skills. Home to over 200 hectares of extensive parklands, an arboretum housing specimen trees, machinery workshops and opportunities to develop your tree climbing techniques, Bicton College will give you all the in-depth knowledge you need to start your career as an arboriculturist.

Key facts

Course title:
Forestry & Arboriculture
Diploma

Location:
Bicton College

Start date:
September 2020

Course length:
1 year

□ Ideal if

You wish to gain knowledge of tree science and woodland management, alongside practical skills in tree work.

□ You'll need

Four GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths as well as a Level 2 Arboriculture certificate (merit or distinction) and relevant industry experience/qualifications.

□ You'll learn

This course is very active and you will be based outdoors most of the time studying a number of topics including tree climbing, pruning and dismantling, tree identification, planting and care, woodland management, plant and soil science, tree felling and chainsaw use, tree surveys, pests and diseases.

□ Expect

You will also have access to local woodlands for real work environments and gain a real insight into how the industry works by taking part in visits and trips to industry-related venues and employers. You will have access to the latest technology and will be taught by qualified staff with industry backgrounds and experience of running their own businesses.

□ You'll love

The historic Bicton estate with extensive parklands, arboretum and specimen trees, with opportunities to develop your tree climbing techniques.

□ You'll go on to

University study or employment in the arboriculture or related industries.

Careers in this industry

- Arboricultural officer
- Forestry worker
- Forest officer
- Arboriculture consultant
- Forest pathologist
- Forest ranger
- Forest manager
- Urban forester
- Biodiversity officer

Choose from these course options

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Forestry & Arboriculture Diploma - Level 3	Bicton College	September 2020	1 year