



Northumberland
County Council

Horticulture and Landbased Course Descriptions

Northumberland Learning & Skills Service Course Description

Course title	Chainsaw Maintenance and Crosscutting
Level	Level 1
Accredited	Accredited
Who is this course for?	This course is for anyone aged 19 or over
What will I study? (Key modules or content)	<p>Throughout this in-depth course, you will develop your knowledge and confidence surrounding operating and maintaining these dangerous and powerful tools.</p> <p>This two-day Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting course will provide you with the appropriate techniques and safety guidelines to ensure that you are not only confident when using a chainsaw but also aware of relevant health and safety guidelines making sure you stay protected.</p> <p>The course will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the chainsaw and maintenance equipment • Maintaining the saw chain • Maintaining the guide bar • Power unit maintenance • Starting the chainsaw • Pre-cutting tests • Cross-cutting timber. <p>Our chainsaw training is delivered by our experienced lecturers to small groups. This allows your lecturer to focus on each individual learner, providing a solid level of understanding within sessions.</p>
What are the Entry requirements?	This course is suitable if you work in or are looking to work in any of the following industries: Agriculture, Horticulture, Woodland, Local Authorities, Conservation, Construction, Land-based.
Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)	Due to the nature of the course, a minimum level of fitness will be required for specific operations. Whilst we would not want to disadvantage you as a learner, it is an essential requirement.
Progression and Careers	After completing this course, you will be able to progress to the Chainsaw Professional course
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Northumberland Learning & Skills Service Course Description

Course title	Chainsaw Maintenance and Crosscutting and Felling Small Trees up to 380mm in Diameter
Level	Level 3
Accredited	Non-accredited
Who is this course for?	This course is for anyone aged 16 or over
What will I study? (Key modules or content)	<p>Establish your career in forestry/arboriculture with this progressional course. You will improve upon previously developed skills from the Level 1 Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting course and delve further into the world of working with Chainsaws.</p> <p>This course will allow you to prove your competence in forestry/arboriculture operations and provide evidence of your ability to meet license to practice standards.</p> <p>You will develop your knowledge, understanding and skills, whilst acquiring proof of competence within your field of expertise. Through the completion of this course, you will gain the knowledge and skills required to fell small tree's with a diameter up to 380mm.</p> <p>This course aims to run over 5 consecutive days with the 6th day allocated for your assessment. You will be assessed through a National Proficiency Test and a Council registered assessor at a date to be arranged.</p> <p>Due to the nature of this qualification a minimum level of fitness would be required for specific operations.</p>
What are the Entry requirements?	You must have completed the Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting course and due to the nature of the course, you will need to have a reasonable level of fitness.
Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)	Chainsaw Personal Protective Equipment is required
Progression and Careers	On completion of this course, you will have the opportunity to obtain a competency card for employment within the key professional sectors enabling further employment opportunities
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Northumberland Learning & Skills Service Course Description

Course title	Level 1 Award in Horticulture
Level	Level 1
Accredited	Accredited
Who is this course for?	This course is for anyone aged 17 or over
What will I study? (Key modules or content)	<p>Gain experience and explore the world of horticulture. This exciting programme will provide you with the basic knowledge required to start a new hobby or progress through on to a career in the Horticulture sector.</p> <p>This course provides a practical introduction to the horticulture sector, supporting you in different areas such as engagement, participation, achievement and progression.</p> <p>Learners who complete this qualification will gain a concrete understanding of topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to prepare the ground for sowing or planting under supervision • Sowing seeds outdoors in drills by hand • Planting and staking a tree • Showing visitors around a wildlife area <p>Throughout the duration of this introductory course, you will gain industry insight to help you to make informed career decisions, when looking to enter the Horticulture sector.</p>
What are the Entry requirements?	No previous qualifications are required
Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)	Provided practical items as directed
Progression and Careers	You could progress to Level 2 Apprenticeship in Horticulture
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Northumberland Learning & Skills Service Course Description

Course title	Grow Your Own Summer Pots and Planters
Level	Entry Level
Accredited	Non-accredited
Who is this course for?	This course is for anyone aged 19 or over
What will I study? (Key modules or content)	<p>Have your Garden Pots and Planters looking their best for Summer, with our hands-on course. Specifically designed to highlight the basics of growing Vegetables and Flowers in containers.</p> <p>This course will provide you with the knowledge and practical skills needed to select and grow the appropriate plants and vegetables in Pots and Planters this summer.</p> <p>Throughout the duration of this in-depth course, you will cover different topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to containers and composts • How to grow in containers • Planning and designing your own containers • Salads and other vegetables in a container • Herbs in containers • Fruit in containers
What are the Entry requirements?	No previous qualifications are required
Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)	Providing practical items as directed
Progression and Careers	You could progress to Level 1 in Horticulture
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Northumberland Learning & Skills Service Course Description

Course title	Chainsaw Felling Trees up to 200mm in Diameter
Level	Level 2
Accredited	Non-accredited
Who is this course for?	This course is for anyone aged 16 or over
What will I study? (Key modules or content)	<p>Further your journey towards a career in forestry/arboriculture with this progressional course. You will improve upon previously developed skills from the Level 1 Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting course and delve further into the world of working with Chainsaws.</p> <p>This course will allow you to prove your competence in forestry/arboriculture operations and provide evidence of your ability to meet license to practice standards.</p> <p>You will develop your knowledge, understanding and skills, whilst acquiring proof of competence within your field of expertise. Through the completion of this course, you will gain the knowledge and skills required to fell small tree's with a diameter up to 380mm.</p> <p>You may already be using your skills across a range of trees and timber operations, this course will enable you to become more confident, allowing you to meet the current standards of good working practice.</p>
What are the Entry requirements?	You must have completed the Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting course and due to the nature of the course, you will need to have a reasonable level of fitness.
Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)	Chainsaw Personal Protective Equipment is essential
Progression and Careers	On completion of this course, you will have the opportunity to obtain a competency card for employment within the key professional sectors enabling further employment opportunities
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