

# Level 3 Crop Technician Apprenticeship



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Agriculture	Level 3	Full-Time	2 years	Any Time

## The Course

Develop a career within the agricultural industry with this Crop Technician apprenticeship. You will be responsible for optimising crop yields through establishment, management, harvest and post-harvest operations, while maintaining and improving the surrounding environment. You will also need to keep up to date with technological advances and new innovations. Being a Crop Technician requires self-motivation and the ability to work both independently and as a team player to complete tasks safely and efficiently. If you do not have level 2 English and Maths you will need to achieve this prior to taking the end point assessment.

## Course Aims

> To develop your knowledge, skills and behaviours as required for employment and future career progression within the industry.

## What You Will Study

- > Core skills
- > Crop establishment
- > Vehicle operation
- > Crop management
- > Harvest storage
- > Maintenance and preparation
- > Soil-based systems
- > Maintenance of non-productive areas
- > Impact of machinery on soil structure and potential damage
- > Personal skills

## Entry Requirements

You must have appropriate employment in the agricultural industry. It is preferable that you have GCSE grade 4 or above in English and Maths.

## Teaching and Learning Approach

You will develop knowledge, skills and behaviours through theory and practical-based lessons.

## Time Required on Campus

You will be released from college one day per week to undertake training at college.

## Work Experience

Employed within the industry, you will work 30 - 40 hours per week.

## How You're Assessed

You will be assessed through an end point assessment (EPA) and graded pass, merit or distinction. Please note that the duration does not include the EPA.

## Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > Stationery such as pens and paper
- > An electronic device to access online learning, i.e. a laptop
- > Steel toe-capped boots, hi-vis vest and overalls for practical sessions

## Progression

More advanced courses are available at the college for further progression.

## Careers

On completion of this apprenticeship, you will have the opportunity to progress within the industry into roles such as unit/arable manager, production manager, farm manager.