

Level 3 Crop Technician Apprenticeship



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| Subject | Level | Study Mode | Duration | Start Date |
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| 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.