



AGRICULTURE - CROP PRODUCTION LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP

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| Level: | Advanced Apprenticeship (Level 3) |
| Typical Duration: | 12 Months |
| Delivery Model: | Work-based supported by Workshops |
| Delivery Location: | North West Only |
| Start Date: | Throughout the year |



Introduction to the Programme

This programme covers a range of Crop Production skills and related practices. The objectives of the course are to ensure the development of practical skills, related background knowledge including health and safety issues and procedures. It is suitable for those seeking or employed in a more senior or supervisory role within the industry.



Duration

This apprenticeship will typically take 12 months to complete. The length may be altered if the apprentice has already gained knowledge and skills working in the land-based engineering sector.



Entry requirements

Employers set the selection criteria for their apprentices. Typically, this will include a minimum of 5 GCSE's at Grade 9-4, or equivalent, including English and Maths. Apprentices without level 2 Functional Skills will need to achieve this level as part of their apprenticeship.

In addition, it is desirable that the apprentice has a basic understanding of Information and Communication Technology.



Costs

Costs will be dependent on several factors such as age of apprentice and size of employer. The cost may be altered if the apprentice has already gained knowledge and skills working in the land-based engineering sector. Please contact us for more information.



Delivery Location

Delivery is work-based supported by Workshops at Myerscough College, Preston Campus approximately once a fortnight. College attendance will count towards the 20% off the job training requirement. An apprentice will also need to attend college courses to complete the required qualifications.



Topics Covered

Throughout the programme, apprentices will work towards learning a selection of the following units:

- Mandatory Units –
 - Promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security (6 credits)
 - Communicate information within the workplace (2 credits)
 - Maintain and store records within the workplace (2 credits)
 - Prepare, monitor and cultivate sites for planting crops (6 credits)
 - Identify, monitor and maintain the healthy growth of crops (10 credits)
 - Plan the preparation and use of tractors and attachments (6 credits)

- Examples of optional units (minimum of 6 credits) –
 - Identify, monitor and control unwanted vegetation (6 credits)
 - Prepare for planting and plant crops (4 credits)
 - Monitor and maintain harvesting operations (4 credits)
 - Prepare harvested crops for sale or storage (3 credits)
 - Prepare for storage and monitor the condition of stored crops (3 credits)
 - Manage the production of special novel crops (4 credits)
 - Establish, monitor and maintain site hygiene and bio-security (4 credits)
 - Prepare and operate a power vehicle (excluding tractors) (4 credits)
 - Transport physical resources within the work area (2 credits)
 - Plan and maintain supplies of physical resources within the work area (3 credits)
 - Prepare and maintain equipment and machines (3 credits)
 - Prepare and construct new structures and surfaces (5 credits)
 - Safe use and application of pesticide (3 credits)
 - Identify the need for and plan habitat management work (4 credits)
 - Co-ordinate and oversee habitat management work (4 credits)
 - Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of habitat management work (4 credits)
 - Promote responsible public use of the environment (4 credits)
 - Organise the delivery of reliable customer service (6 credits)
 - Improve customer relationship (7 credits)
 - Monitor and solve customer service problems (6 credits)
 - Prepare to undertake a field study (2 credits)
 - Manage your own resources (7 credits)
 - Improve customer service (7 credits)
 - Monitor and solve customer problems (6 credits)
 - Implement a marketing plan (4 credits)
 - Manage budgets (5 credits)



Assessment

You will be assessed throughout the programme. These grades will be aggregated into one overall qualification. The grading applies to the overall qualification and all elements must be passed to achieve the qualification




Progression

Apprentices successfully completing the Advanced Apprenticeship have opportunities to progress within the industry by continuing onto the Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship or into Higher Education course such as Foundation Degree or Degree.

Typical jobs apprentices will be able to progress onto on completion of the Advanced will depend on the qualifications and experience gained, but could include a range of roles within agriculture such as agricultural machinery operative.

How to apply



In order to start the enrolment process we need an **Online Application Form** to be completed & submitted. You can do this by contacting the Employer Services Team.

Telephone: 01995 642255, Email: employerenquiries@myerscough.ac.uk

Website: www.myerscough.ac.uk