



Level:	Intermediate Apprenticeship (Level 2)
Typical Duration:	24 Months
Delivery Model:	Work-based with College Attendance & Block Release
Delivery Location:	North West Only
Start Date:	Intakes: January – May – September



Introduction to the Programme

The arboricultural industry manages trees for their benefits and values in diverse urban and rural locations from city parks and urban woodlands, to country estates and private gardens. The industry manages trees adjacent to highways, railways, watercourses and power lines. An arborist may progress to undertake inspections and surveys of individual and woodland trees, advising landowners on how to care for their trees, or teaching others about the benefits of carefully managing trees.

The work of an arborist involves diverse activities such as chainsaw work, aerial tree work, pruning, dismantling and using appropriate machinery such as brushwood chippers.

Arborists can work for local authorities, private companies and many are also self-employed. Tree work can be physically demanding and involves working outdoors in all weathers.

An arborist will undertake aerial tree work but may also be ground-based. They do a range of tree work jobs with indirect supervision. They are capable of supporting the tree work team across a range of basic technical skills.



Duration

This apprenticeship will typically take 24 months to complete. The length may be altered if the apprentice has already gained knowledge and skills working in this 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 1 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 this sector. Please contact us for more information.



Delivery Location

Delivery is work-based with college attendance approximately once a month for specialist technical workshops and seminars plus 2 x one week blocks. 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.



Qualifications

The following licence to practice qualifications would be required prior to end point assessment:

- Level 2 award in emergency first aid at work
- Level 2 award in safe use of brushwood chipper
- Traffic Management (NRSWA Unit 002 Signing, Lighting and Guarding) OR Sector Scheme 12D
- Level 2 award in chainsaw maintenance
- Level 2 award in crosscutting timber using a chainsaw
- Level 2 award in felling and processing trees up to 380mm
- Level 2 award in accessing a tree using a rope and harness
- Level 3 award in aerial tree rescue operations
- Level 3 award in aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques
- Level 2 award in safe use of mobile elevated work platform
- Level 3 award in use of a chainsaw from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP)

PLEASE NOTE: Students must be able to make their own way to the relevant felling site each day, with all their equipment (the sites are located in the North West but NOT at Myerscough College, Preston Campus). Public transport is not suitable as the sites are unlikely to be accessible by bus & they will be carrying a chainsaw.



Knowledge, Skills & Behaviour gained

Throughout the programme, apprentices will work towards gaining the following knowledge, skills & behaviours:



Knowledge

Have a knowledge of:

- The benefits of trees
- The use and application of arboricultural equipment
- The principles of the establishment, growth and care of trees
- The principles and importance of identifying trees and the value of using their scientific names
- The principles and importance of identifying and managing pests, diseases and disorders of trees
- Current environmental, wildlife and health and safety legislation, standards and codes of practice in relation to arboricultural works
- Legislation relating to trees e.g. Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas
- Procedures and specific instructions for dealing with incidents and emergencies
- Electrical safety for working in the vicinity of power lines.

Skills

Have the ability to:

- Recognise health and safety needs onsite and work safely
- Take instruction from the job supervisor and other senior work colleagues to include signing onto the site specific risk assessment / emergency action plan and maintaining records
- Select appropriate equipment for the task. Load and unload equipment safely
- Set out work place signage (highway & non highway) and assists with traffic control
- Process tree work arisings using appropriate machinery
- Take appropriate care of tools, equipment and customer property
- Recognise a basic range of tree and shrub species using common and scientific names
- Identify pests, diseases, disorders and tree defects
- Carry out a range of ground-based pruning operations
- Fell and process small trees
- Support aerial tree workers both Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) and climbing with transfer of equipment for aerial tree work operations
- Perform an aerial rescue of colleague from a rope and harness and a MEWP
- Work safely at height in the tree under supervision
- Prepare sites for planting, plant trees and provide support, protection and aftercare

Behaviours

Have the required behaviours including:

- A safety mind-set to protect self, colleagues and others
- Works effectively within a team/crew
- Consistently presents a professional manner both in appearance, language and behaviour
- Is reliable: consistently attends work and arrives on time
- Communicates effectively with the job supervisor, colleagues, clients and others to achieve the specification



End Point Assessment

At a point where employer, tutor and apprentice feel is appropriate, apprentices will undertake an end point assessment, which is carried out by a separate approved organisation, independent from Myerscough College.

The end point assessment will contain 4 components:

- Holistic project
- Online multiple choice knowledge tests
- Practical Tests
- Structured Interview

There will be 2 levels of achievement: Pass & Distinction



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