

BTEC Agriculture and Countryside Management (Extended Diploma) Level 3



In a nutshell

This practical course will prepare you for a career in countryside management.

This course is for you if...

- ...You've completed a related Level 2 course or GCSEs
- ... You have prior experience
- ... You're looking to start a career in countryside management.

What will I be doing?

The course reflects the sector's need for competent, well trained countryside managers. During the course you'll study units such as:



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Estate skills
Conservation
Greenwood crafts
Farm habitat management
Deer management
Freshwater and wetland management
Woodland management

You'll also study underpinning theory in topics such as the principles of ecology, plant and soil science, and environmental issues and policies. You'll also be given the opportunity to develop further practical skills related to the conservation and forestry industries.

The course is evenly weighted for theory and practical activities. Classroom work required as part of the main course and skills requirement of the programme.

There may be opportunities during the course to obtain further competency-based qualifications, such as NPTC chainsaw, safe use of pesticides and all-terrain vehicle handling.

You'll be assessed through written assignments, examinations and practical assessment and at the end of the course, you'll have achieved:

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[Skills Activities](#)

[Maths and English](#)

Other relevant qualifications to enhance your skill set

What is expected of me?

To enter the course, you'll need a minimum of 5 GCSEs grade C or above to include Maths/Maths Numeracy, Science and English/Welsh First Language; or an appropriate Level 2 Diploma qualification at Merit grade with GCSEs to include Maths/Maths Numeracy or English/Welsh First Language at grade C or above

Full commitment to attendance is required, as well as respect for others, enthusiasm for the subject, self-motivation and a passion for countryside management. You'll be continually assessed and there is an expectation that you'll continue your studies and coursework/work placement during your own time. You'll be expected to do a minimum of 300 hours on work placement.

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What comes next?

Successful completion of the Year 1 90 Credit Diploma will allow you to progress to the second year and complete the full Extended Diploma. From there, progression routes include:

Foundation Degree Agriculture
Foundation Degree Animal Health and Welfare
Foundation Degree Animal Business Management

Alternatively, this qualification prepares you for a career working in the countryside management sector.

Additional information

Please note that this is not only a practical course. There is also an amount of written work included.

You'll need to have an up-to-date tetanus injection prior to working with the animals.

For Health and Safety you will need to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) before working with the animals; steel toe cap wellingtons/boots, navy blue overalls and a bag to carry your PPE in, the approximate cost of the equipment is £40. These items should be purchased before commencing your course.