

Rural Skills: Course Guidance and Employability Skills – Intermediate 1

What you'll be studying

Here's a summary of the Units that you will **have to** study as part of this course.

Land-based Industries: An introduction

- you'll find out what some of the very different industries within the land-based sector are all about and also find out about some of the job opportunities in the sector;
- you're likely to visit some of these industries;
- you'll put together a **portfolio** (folder) of all the things that you find out;
- you'll be involved in the presentation of these findings as part of a group.

Estate Maintenance: An Introduction

- you'll become familiar with a range of hand tools;
- you'll participate in a range of "handyman tasks" which are common to many of the land-based industries from plumbing repairs to fence repairs;
- you'll be assessed practically – somebody will watch you help to carry out some of these tasks.

Employability Skills for Land-based Industries

- you'll develop some of the employability skills considered important in the land-based sector such as good time-keeping, attendance, good team working and safety awareness;
- this will be assessed through practical activities carried out in the rest of the course: it's not going to be taught as a separate class.

Options

Here is a summary of the Units that you will study, if you follow the **animal route** of the Course.

Animal Husbandry: An Introduction

- you'll learn the skills for some of the basic tasks of animal **husbandry** maintaining the health and well being of animals;
- you'll be assessed practically – somebody will watch you help to carry out some of these tasks.

Animal Handling: An Introduction

- you'll learn the basic skills of handling and restraining animals;
- this is assessed practically.

Here is a summary of the Units that you will study, if you follow the **plant route** of the Course.

Crop Production: An Introduction

- you'll learn the basic skills required for **crop** production from the preparation of the soil, through planting or sowing to the maintenance of plants;
- you'll either do this unit in the context of **horticulture** (fruit, vegetables and flower growing), **agriculture** (farming), or tree nurseries for **forestry**;
- it's assessed practically – somebody will watch you help to carry out some of the these tasks.

Soft Landscaping: An Introduction

- you'll be involved in **soft landscaping** projects;
- you'll learn the basic skills of plant selection for particular projects, caring for plants including weed control, fertilising and pruning;
- you'll either do this unit in the context of countryside or **estate** management, or landscape horticulture;
- it's assessed practically.