

# Arborist Apprenticeship Standard (Tree Surgery)



## Apprenticeship

The arboriculture 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.

While learning the practical side of arboriculture with your employer, you will also be required to attend college on a block release programme. While studying at Bicton College you can take advantage of the College's estate, which houses an arboretum with veteran and specimen trees, machinery workshops, over 200 acres of extensive parklands and lots of opportunities for you to develop your arboriculture skills.

Do you live far from the college? No problem! Accommodation is available on site!

Prior to end point assessment you will need to achieve these qualifications:

\*Traffic Management (NRSWA Unit 002 Signing, Lighting and Guarding) \* Safe Use of Brushwood Chipper \* Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting Timber Using a Chainsaw \* Felling & Processing Timber up to 380mm \* Safe Use of Mobile Elevated Work Platform \* Accessing a Tree Using Rope & Harness \* Aerial Tree Rescue Operations \* Use of a Chainsaw from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) \* Emergency First Aid \* Aerial Cutting Using Free Fall Techniques \*

All the above are included in the apprenticeship.



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### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements: GCSEs in English and maths at grade 3. You will also need an employer willing to take you on as an apprentice, working a minimum of 30 hours per week.



For help finding an employer please visit our apprenticeship hub page at: <https://www.cornwall.ac.uk/hub/>  
Or use the government website <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

You can also arrange your own apprenticeship by approaching local businesses!



### LOCATION & NEXT START DATE(S)

Bicton College - As required



**LEVEL**  
Level 2

**DURATION**  
18 To 24 Months

**ATTENDANCE**  
Work-based

**FEES**  
Tuition Fees: £0.00

Fees apply to adults and HE students only. Only the most common fees scenario is shown. Actual fees may vary depending on your personal situation. Please contact us for further information. Courses listed on this website are indicative of the subject, nature and level of study. The College reserves the right to alter specific qualifications titles, awarding bodies and levels of qualification, which can change in year. Any cost may also vary, based on personal funding eligibility. The Cornwall College Group reserves the right to withdraw any course listed at any time.



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