

Level 3 in Countryside Management



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Countryside Management	Level 3	Full-Time	1-2 years, depending on study route	September 2026

The Course

Are you looking to start a career within countryside management? This qualification has been developed in consultation with employers and professional bodies to ensure you're ready to do just that. It identifies knowledge, understanding and technical skills that employers will need from you entering the countryside and environmental sector in the coming years..

What You Will Study

- > Woodland management
- > Wildlife ecology and conservation management
- > Countryside estate skills activities
- > Identification, planting and care of trees
- > Professional working responsibilities
- > Work experience
- > English and/or Maths (if not achieved at grade 4)

Entry Requirements

You will need four GCSEs at grade 4 or equivalent, preferably including English and Maths, or a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Work Experience

Work experience forms a large part of the study programme. You will need to complete over 300 hours off-site work experience. This has to be undertaken in an area related area to your main qualification and learners are expected to secure this prior to commencing the course if possible.

How You're Assessed

There are three main forms of assessment to be aware of: external, internal and synoptic.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > Warm clothing and hard-wearing trousers for outdoor practicals
- > Waterproof trousers and coat
- > Steel toe capped boots, wellington boots & walking boots

- > Work gloves
- > White laboratory coat for lab-based practicals
- > Stationery including pens, pencils and notepads and a folder to organise your work

Progression

On completion of this qualification, you will have obtained the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress on to a higher level supervisory or management qualifications, e.g. FdSc Wildlife and Conservation Management or FdSc Ecology and Environmental Management.

Careers

Work as a countryside ranger, warden, conservation advisor, community manager, project development officer, conservation scientist and many more.