

One Year Professional Garden Design Diploma



SOCIETY OF
GARDEN
DESIGNERS



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Graduate with real client work in your portfolio

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More about this course

During this course you will undertake four separate live projects designing very different sites for real clients with expert guidance and regular feedback. As a result you will graduate with real experience and real work in your portfolio. Your lead tutor is Caroline Tatham with a range of additional visiting lecturers.

Come and learn the skills required to set up your own garden design business. There are lots of ongoing garden design examples on hand from Caroline's busy design practice.

All applicants are invited for interview and once the course is full places on a waiting list will become available.

By the end of the course you will be producing garden and planting designs to a professional standard. Past students have taken on clients even whilst still on the course and won RHS gold medals, 'Best in Show' and 'People's Choice Award@' at a range of shows from Hampton Court, to Malvern and BBC Gardeners' World Live.

This course is only suitable for those serious about a career in garden design. It is very intense, covering all aspects of garden design and requires an additional time commitment for the completion of homework in addition to your time spent at the school.

Come and learn how to think and present like a designer. We will explore both drawing by hand and computer as well as all of the necessary equipment involved. Visiting tutors who are practising experts in their fields will ensure you get the very latest information on a range of topics.

There are plenty of inspirational slide shows and informative handouts. We also have lots of advice about trade suppliers and how to market and run your new business. Throughout the course you will track your own progress with an individual learning plan and you will receive regular feedback via group & private tutorials as well as written feedback on your work.

Course details

This is an intensive course with one day per week with us in class plus additional home study. Thirty study weeks form three terms of ten weeks each to make up the academic year.

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Topics covered

1. Surveying
2. The creative process
3. Mood boards
4. Master layout plans
5. Planting plans
6. 3D visuals

What else

Everything from using sketchbooks to working with reprographics, designing with computers and using technical drawing equipment right through to specifications, costing and advice about running your new business.

You can get additional support with practical work by booking additional guided studio days.

