

One Year Professional Garden Design Diploma

Graduate with real client work in your portfolio

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More about this course

Lead Tutor Caroline Tatham with additional visiting lecturers

During this course you will undertake four separate live projects designing very different sites for real clients with expert guidance and regular feedback so that you graduate with real experience and real work in your portfolio.

Learn the skills required to set up your own garden design business. Even those with no previous creative experience find themselves drawing and designing like they never imagined possible and there are lots of ongoing garden design examples on hand from Caroline's busy design practice.

By the end of the course you will be able to produce competent garden designs and planting plans. Past students have taken on clients whilst still on the course and won RHS medals including gold and 'Best in Show' at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival.

This course is suitable for those interested in a career in garden design. A very intensive course covering all aspects of garden design it requires **at least** one day per week of homework in addition to your time spent at the school to ensure that you get the most out of your time with us - ideally more.

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 good value suppliers and how to go about charging clients and marketing your new business.

Support and advice is offered on non-teaching days.

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 in class and **at least** one day homework - ideally more

Thirty study weeks form three terms of ten weeks each to make up the 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 marketing your new business

