

LEVEL 1 AWARD IN FLORISTRY

Subject Area

Student Type

Study Mode

Art & Design, Fashion
& Creative Crafts

Adults

Part Time

What is the course about?

The NCFE Level 1 Award in Floristry is a practical, hands-on introduction to flower arranging course designed both for complete beginners and those who have completed previous short courses in Floristry.

You will learn the foundational skills needed to care for fresh flowers, use professional tools safely, and apply basic colour and design principles.

Throughout this floristry for beginners course, you will create a variety of physical projects, including gift-wrapped hand-tied bouquets, table centrepieces, and seasonal displays e.g., wreaths.

There are no formal written exams to pass this qualification. Instead, your grading is based entirely on a portfolio of evidence that you build during the class. This portfolio includes photographs of your completed floral designs, short written notes explaining your process, and tutor checklists confirming your safe workspace habits.

Why should I choose the course?

This fully accredited floristry qualification is the perfect launchpad for anyone looking to turn a passion for flowers into a recognised skill.

Designed specifically for complete beginners, the course offers an exciting entry into the floristry industry with no prior experience required. You will learn vital trade secrets, such as professional flower conditioning to maximise lifespan, and master the correct use of tools as well as design principles.

Whether you want to explore a creative hobby or take your first step toward a rewarding new career by becoming a florist, this course builds the practical confidence and foundational techniques needed to succeed.

What will I learn?

This hands-on floristry course teaches you the foundational technical skills and design principles used by professional florists. You will master professional conditioning techniques to cut, feed, and preserve fresh stems for maximum lifespan while learning the safe use of specialist scissors, wires, and tapes.

The course covers core design basics like colour theory, design principles and elements, which you will apply directly to practical projects.

Throughout the course, you will practice the professional spiral stem technique to construct gift-wrapped bouquets, discover how to secure flowers using traditional foam or eco-friendly alternatives for table arrangements, and create themed projects ranging from festive wreaths to celebratory designs.



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What will the course lead on to?

Completing this beginner floristry qualification opens clear pathways for both further education and entry-level employment in the floristry sector.

You can progress directly onto the Level 2 Certificate in Floristry, which is the industry-recognised standard for professional florists.

The practical skills and portfolio built during this floristry course help secure roles such as a junior florist assistant, garden centre retail adviser, or event setup crew. Additionally, this training provides the creative foundation and confidence needed for entrepreneurs looking to start a home-based gift bouquet business or a self-employed event decorating service.

Are there any links with industry and university?

While this beginner floristry course does not require formal work placements, it is deeply rooted in the commercial floristry sector through close ties with local shops, regional wholesalers, and national trade bodies like the British Florist Association (BFA). You will learn modern industry standards directly from working professionals, benefiting from guest tutor demonstrations and trade insights.

What support is available?

We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if it is required and a Wellbeing Team that is on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.?

Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college. For more information about financial support, visit: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

You'll study this Level 1 Floristry qualification at our Winsford Adult College, giving you access to cutting-edge facilities, expert tuition, and a curriculum designed to reflect the needs of today's floristry industry.

Whether you're just starting out or looking to develop new skills, we're here to help you succeed.

What are the entry requirements?

This floristry course is for adults aged 19+.

There are no entry requirements beyond a passion for floristry and a desire to gain a formal qualification, setting you on your way to an exciting career in the floristry sector.

What are my funding options?



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For personalised advice on funding, please contact our Learner Services Team on 01925 494 400 or email learner.services@wvr.ac.uk

Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

The college provides the basic flowers, foliage, and sundry materials needed to complete your designs. However, you'll be asked to bring some additional foliage each week to enhance your arrangements—your tutor will provide guidance on this during the first session.

You will also need to bring your own containers, such as a vase or basket, depending on the design. This will be discussed in more detail in the first class.

It is a mandatory requirement to bring a pair of floristry or household scissors.

If you are sensitive to handling flowers or foliage, we recommend wearing gardening or rubber gloves.



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