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Lifestyle College employs qualified lecturers, assessors and moderators who are top designers and award winners within the Green Industry. Lifestyle College uses external verifiers to ensure professional standards.

LIFESTYLE COLLEGE GROWING HISTORY

Lifestyle College was started in 1991 in very humble beginnings out of the need of keen gardeners wanting to know how to design their own gardens. The College took a major turn in 1999 with the establishment of a more structured course following the Department of Education's outcomes based education policies.

As the College grew it was necessary to find permanent and bigger facilities where it could continue to educate gardeners. In 2002 Lifestyle College was given a new home at its present day location.

We cater for the hobbyist, keen gardener and for anyone looking for a career in Landscape Design or Horticulture.

THE KEY TO LIFESTYLE COLLEGE SUCCESS

Lifestyle College only employs the best lecturers and top designers who are actively designing within the landscaping industry, with all of them owning their own companies. This keeps the learning fresh and up-to-date. Our lecturers are all trained assessors and facilitators and regularly attend courses and workshops on facilitation and assessment processes.

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THE LIFESTYLE COLLEGE DIFFERENCE

Lifestyle College is the only College which has been educating designers for over 29 years.

Lifestyle College is affiliated to:

- Agriculture Sector Education and Training Authority (AgriSETA).
- Association of Private Provider of Education, Training and Development (APPETD).
- Institute for Environmental Recreation Management (IERM).
- South African Green Industry Council (SAGIC).
- South African Landscape Institute (SALI).
- South African Nursery Association (SANA).
- Lifestyle Home Garden.

As a sister company to Lifestyle Home and Garden, Lifestyle College is proud to be associated with one of the biggest garden centres in the southern hemisphere. We are situated on the premises of Lifestyle Home and Garden Centre which allows for the best learning environment for students.

Classes are small with an average of 20 students. Individual attention is given during the courses. Each student is personally known by all the staff and their interests and concerns are taken to heart.

ACCREDITATION

- This qualification is not accredited.
- A process is currently underway with Quality Council for Traders and Occupations (QCTO).
- This qualification will be a level 4/5.
- Expected date of registration of qualification – 2021/22.
- A process of recognition of prior learning can be done to obtain an accredited qualification once qualification is registered.

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THE LIFESTYLE COLLEGE TEAM - with over 140 years of combined experience.

Our facilitators are all qualified Assessors and Landscape Designers, who are still active within the Industry and passionate about design and educating young designers.

Richard Gibb - Principal

With a former Human Resource and Training background a deep passion for education was developed early within the Horticulture Field. As a qualified Horticulturist and Landscaper, the opportunity arose to assist in developing the first Horticultural Training Centre in Johannesburg. After building a career of training Horticulturists and Landscapers the jump was made to Lifestyle College. As vice principal the focus was on developing a recognised and professional landscaping education course.

On becoming Principal of the College, the passion has always been to produce the top landscape designers in the country.

Debbie Smit - Nat Dip in Horticulture Higher Nat Dip (Pre)

An award-winning landscape designer and an excellent plant design person. Debbie has set trends in design and has never hesitated to stretch the boundaries of design. Often seen in magazines and on TV; showcasing her landscape designs.

As a successful business person, Debbie's work has reached new standards and often leaves clients breathless. Her company is always associated with professional landscaping.

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Mike Rickhoff – City & Guilds of London - Landscaping

A banker, who decided to follow his passion for landscape design. Mike cut his teeth on training within the banking industry and discovered a passion for teaching. Coming from a banking profession he has a keen insight into the business world which is shared with the students.

A radio and TV personality he has successfully launched a high end landscape company and is currently turning landscape design into masterpieces.

Mike has a passion for including customized sculpture into his designs from a coelacanth to a giant spider.

Rowan de Vos – City & Guilds of London - Landscaping

Rowan has taken design to a new technological level by using the latest technology to design amazing gardens for clients. Using Computer Aided Design software programmes Rowan has managed to design amazing gardens using technology.

As an international designer Rowan is setting new trends in Landscape Design and constantly using new technology to enhance his designs.

Ruben Schroeder – BSc (LArch) University of Pretoria

A qualified Landscape Architect Ruben runs a very successful Landscape Design company focusing on cooperate designs.

Sonita Young – City & Guilds of London - Landscaping

As a graduate of Lifestyle College Sonita boasts a range of qualifications; Interior Decorating, Draughting, Feng Shui Consulting and City and Guilds Landscape Design.

She runs a successful Landscape Design company that has won many awards at garden shows. Awards range from Platinum to best on show for her unique designs.

Passionate about marketing and branding Sonita has joined the Business Start-Up course allowing her to share her skills on using social media and the importance of branding for your business.

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Melanie Walker – City & Guilds of London - Landscaping

Melanie started studying at Lifestyle College in 2004 and graduated in 2008 as a Landscape Designer.

Previously a TV personality, Melanie took up the role of the gardening editor for the Garden and Home Magazine. After a few years her love for radio and TV was revived. Melanie's popular radio gardening program can be heard on SAFM weekly. The Home Channel then approached Melanie to do several series of Design a Garden for DSTV. The success of the series led to the series called Gardening 101.

Melanie is also chairperson of the Lifestyle Garden Club that has a membership of approximately 100 members who meet once a month to discuss gardening ideas.

Alan Buff – Pretoria Technikon - National Diploma Horticulture

Alan has an impressive track record with the managing city parks, Cemeteries and Crematoria. His experience ranges from chief Horticulturist of the Johannesburg Parks Department where he would plan and manage Parks, Cemeteries and improving staff-skills at all levels.

Alan has a passion for Horticulture and teaching, he has joined our team to share his knowledge.

George Condes – City & Guilds of London – Landscaping/ Quantity Surveyor

George is our Irrigation Guru at the College. He is always ready to share his knowledge with our students. George is patient, polite and professional.

As a leader in the field of irrigation George knowledge of irrigation knows no boundaries. He works on small residential properties to large commercial estates.

George is also a qualified Quantity Surveyor and he puts his skills to good use by teaching Surveying and Measuring to our students.

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Entrance Requirements

This course is for anyone with a matric pass levels listed below:

1. Higher certificate
2. Diploma
3. Bachelors pass
4. Or qualification equivalent to a matric pass

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FULL-TIME PROGRAMME

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

The full-time course is aimed at people looking for a career in landscape design.

This 12-month full-time programme covers the complete spectrum of 29 courses with variable numbers of days for each course and up to 8 weeks of practical experience. This programme runs from April/May to April/May of the following year. The full-time course is run during the week from 09h00 to 16h00 or otherwise indicated.

Pre-screening

The following pre-screening process takes place:

1. General questionnaire
2. Computer literacy
3. Interview

Computer requirements

A laptop with the following specifications is required for the full-time course:

- Mouse compliant with left and right selectors zoom wheel.
- Windows 10 latest update with Microsoft Office.
- 1920 x 1080 recommended resolution for screen.
- 4.0 GB available memory space.
- DirectX® 9 1. DirectX 11 compliant card recommended graphics card.
- Media player - Adobe Flash Player v10 or up.
- Available USB Ports and network port (LAN port).

What does the course include?

The courses include lectures, workshops, practical experience and outings. This allows great opportunity to experiment and learn from the experience.

Practical's done:

- Trolley displays of plant material
- Nursery displays of plant material
- On-site work at Ball Straathof and Sakata Mayfords
- Landscape Design 3 Practical (4 weeks under mentorship) Show Gardens at Lifestyle Home Garden Centre.

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Other activities:

Outings to gardens

Mentoring by qualified landscapers

Networking with qualified Landscape Designers

Lectures/workshops/studio work – these days are Facilitated by a qualified Facilitator.

Exam Assessment Days – most courses require a project to be completed at home at your own pace.

Project/Exam assessment days – Most courses project/exam assessment days are done as group assessments at the College.

What to expect from each course:

For each course the number of days you need to attend will vary from course to course.

1. Lecture

A qualified facilitator/lecturer will present a certain number of days/lecturers depending on course.

2. Studio work

Different courses have different amount of studio days allocated to them. Studio work is often overseen by a Facilitators or Facilitator Assistant that is there to help and guide you through your exam assessment.

3. Project/Exam Assessment Day

Each course has a project/exam assessment that needs to be presented at the end of the course.

An “Exam Assessment Day” is set in the timetable.

Most project/exam assessments are presented to the group.

Group assessments are always uncomfortable for everyone, but it is a skill that you need to learn as you will be presenting designs to clients. Throughout the course we will equip you with presentation skills to win over client and seal the deal.

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CERTIFICATES ACHIEVED AT THE END OF THE FULL TIME PROGRAMME

Lifestyle College Certificate in Landscape Design (*not accredited*).
Accreditation process with QCTO in progress.

The process of Accreditation is a lengthy one and Lifestyle College is developing the level 4 and 5 of Landscape Design for the South African Green Industry Council.

As soon as the qualification is registered with the South African Qualification Authority a process of Recognition of Prior learning can be done by students to obtain the Accredited certificate from AgriSeta once Recognition of Prior Learning has been implemented.

The Lifestyle College is affiliated and has a good standing with the following bodies within the Green Industry:

- I. SALI (South African Landscapers Institute)***
- II. SAGIC (South African Green Industry)***
- III. SAKV. SANA (South African Nursery Association)***
- IV. IERM (Institute of Environmental and Recreation Management)***

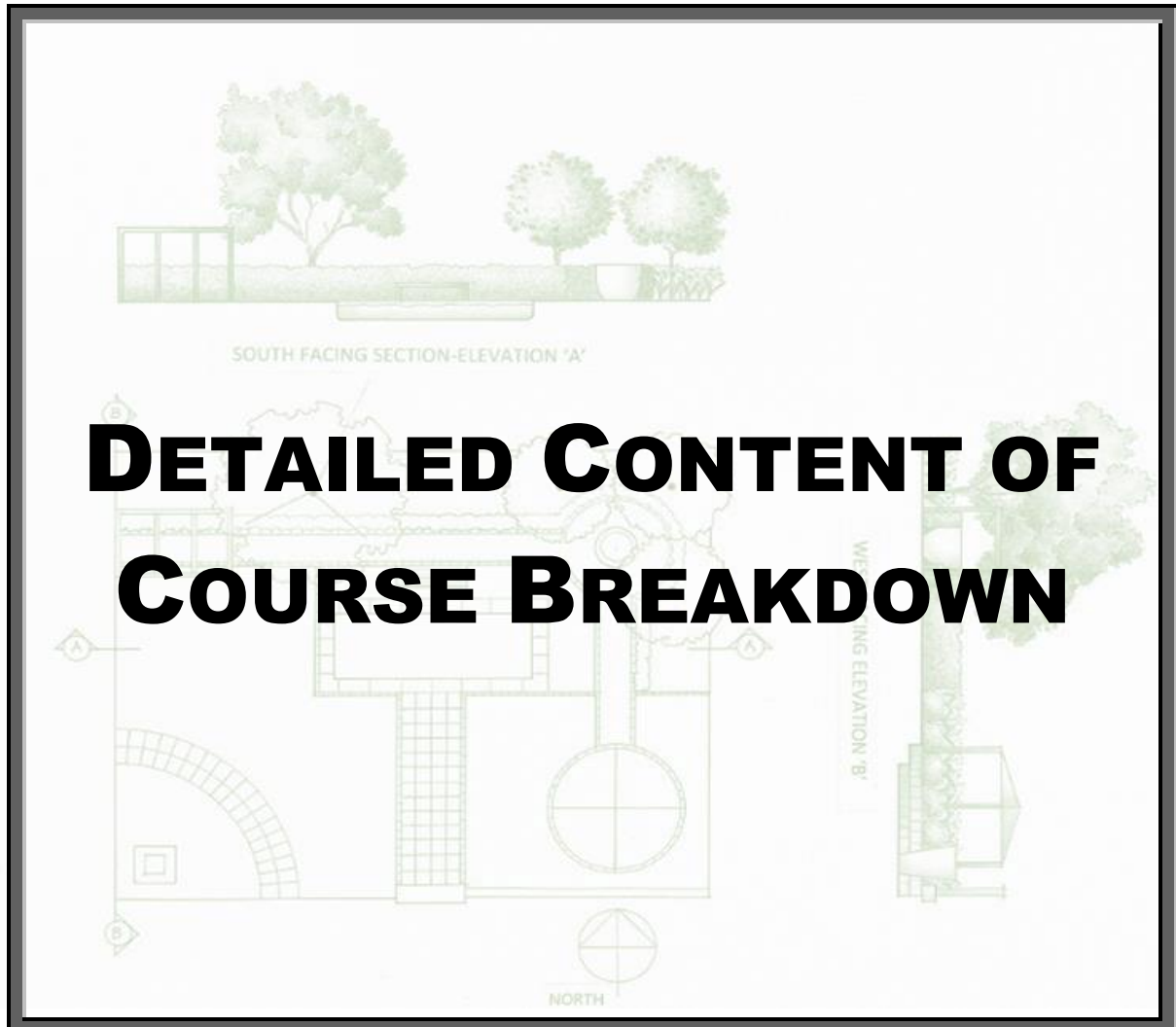
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FULL-TIME COURSE CURRICULUM	
COURSE DESCRIPTION	DURATION
1. Orientation	1 Day
2. Introduction Day	1 Day
3. Landscape Design 1	7 Full Days and 1 Morning Garden Visit
4. Plant Material	3 Full Days and 1 Day Practical
5. Landscape Design History	2 Full Days
6. Landscape Lighting	1 Day
7. AutoCAD	5 Full Days
8. Design Presentation 1	5 Mornings
9. Horticulture 1	3 Full Days
10. Creative Workshop	1 Day
11. Landscape Design 2	13 Full Days
12. Design Presentation 2	7 Mornings
13. Fruit and Vegetable Gardening	3 Full Days
14. Design Presentation 3	3 Full Days and 4 Mornings
15. Surveying and Measuring	2 Full Days and 1 Morning
16. Landscape Model Building	4 Mornings and 1 Full Day
17. Landscape Design 3	3 Full Days
18. Landscape Costing	3 Full Days
19. Identifying Alien Plants	1 Full Day
20. Landscape Company Start up	3 Full Days
21. Landscape Design 4	3 Full Days
22. Landscape Design 5	3 Full Days
23. Landscape Design 6	3 Full Days
24. Landscape Design 7	5 Weeks Design Workshop and 4 Weeks Practical
25. Design Presentation 4	3 Full Days
26. Pruning (seasonal)	2 Full Days
27. Lawn Management	1 Full Day
28. Industry Days	Minimum of 3 Days
29. Practical Days	Minimum of 4 Weeks

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DETAILED COURSE BREAKDOWN

LANDSCAPE DESIGN 1	
OVERALL OUTCOME:	To equip students with the knowledge necessary to gain a basic understanding of the requirements of landscape design.
COURSE CONTENT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Know your style and design goals.• Take inventory, design principles, design process.• Garden analysis.• Restyle a garden room, planting design, hard landscaping and water in the garden.• Concept plan.• Project/Exam Assessment - Design a section of garden.

PLANT MATERIAL	
OVERALL OUTCOME:	To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to identify and utilise plants in a design.
COURSE CONTENT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plant taxonomy - how plants are named.• Plant identification keys.• Plant categories.• Biogeography.• Plant identification information.• Planting design.• Project/Exam Assessment – practical design.• Part of the assessment includes a plant book of 500 plants that will add to your plant knowledge during the year.

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN HISTORY

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to create a variety of styles of garden designs including ideas from other countries and cultures.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- Demonstrated understanding of:
 - Renaissance gardens.
 - French formal gardens.
 - English/landscape style gardens.
 - Arts and crafts movement.
 - Modern movement.
 - Attendance and participation towards year mark.

LANDSCAPE LIGHTING

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the knowledge of function and goals of landscape lighting.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- Accent Lighting
 - Background Lighting
 - Contour Lighting
 - Cross Lighting
 - Diffused Lighting
 - Down Lighting
 - Grazing
 - Mirror Lighting
 - Moonlighting
 - Path Lighting
 - Shadowing
 - Silhouetting
 - Up Lighting
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AUTOCAD

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to plan and produce two-dimensional (2D) computer aided drawings (CAD).

COURSE CONTENT:

- Introduction to AutoCAD.
- Drawing tools.
- Annotate and measure to scale.
- Plot and export a drawing.
- Produce a detailed computer aided drawing.
- Project/Exam Assessment

REQUIREMENTS:

- Basic computer skills required.
- Laptop.

DESIGN PRESENTATION 1

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to prepare a landscape plan.

COURSE CONTENT:

- Essential equipment.
- Drawing to scale.
- Rendering – Colouring and shading.
- Plans.
- Graphics, drafting and lettering.
- Evaluation of plans.
- Project/Exam Assessment - Prepare a 2-D landscape plan to scale.

HORTICULTURE 1

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to perform basic garden maintenance and care.

COURSE CONTENT:

- Understanding basic plant pathology.
- Identifying and improving your garden soil.
- Feeding plants.
- Pests and diseases.
- Planting.
- Project/Exam Assessment - Garden maintenance project discussing plants, soils, fertilisers, pests and diseases and planting.

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CREATIVE WORKSHOP

OVERALL OUTCOME: A course designed to unlock the creative side of the designer. A workshop that consists of several fun activities that stimulate the creative side of the brain and encourages openness to new ideas.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- Creativity.
 - Colour workshop.
 - Attendance and participation towards year mark.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN 2.1 – 2.5

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the additional design principles required for landscaping.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- Formal Design
 - Informal Design
 - Ecological Design
 - Oriental Design
 - Contemporary Design
 - Project/Exam Assessment for all above

DESIGN PRESENTATION 2

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to project 2-D plans into 3-D format.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- Elevation and axonometric projections.
 - Project/Exam Assessment - Prepare elevations and axonometric projection from plan.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GARDENING

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills to design and maintain a vegetable and fruit garden.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- Principles of vegetable gardening.
 - Site preparation, cultivation and management.
 - Growing different vegetable crops.
 - Site selection and preparation for growing fruit trees.
 - Fruit tree production.
 - Growing different fruits.
 - Attendance and participation towards year mark.

DESIGN PRESENTATION 3

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills necessary to prepare a professional portfolio.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- What is required in a portfolio?
 - Plans in a portfolio.
 - Mood boards.
 - Concept thinking.
 - Project/Exam Assessment – Done during course and produced on the last day of course.

SURVEYING AND MEASURING

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to accurately calculate the areas, volumes and quantities in basic landscape design and construction.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- Site measurements.
 - Calculating areas and volumes.
 - Calculating quantities.
 - Project/Exam Assessment - Measure the fall of a simple slope; calculate areas and volumes of various shapes; and calculate quantities for a landscape design.

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LANDSCAPE MODEL BUILDING

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to build accurate scale landscape models in three dimensions.

COURSE CONTENT:

- Architectural modelling.
- The craft of model making.
- The concept of scale.
- Essential equipment and material.
- Building the model.
- Project/Exam Assessment - Build a model in class constructing elements and plant materials according to the design as well as the principles of scale modelling.

LANDSCAPE COSTING

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to accurately draw up bills of quantities to avoid costly mistakes in over- or under-ordering material.

COURSE CONTENT:

- Determine areas.
- Unit costs.
- Labour costs.
- Calculating requirements of hard and soft landscaping.
- Project/Exam Assessment done in class.

IDENTIFYING ALIEN PLANTS

OVERALL OUTCOME: With new legislation requiring the removal of alien (invader) plants we equip you with the knowledge to know what is required from landscapers in relationship to dealing with alien (invader) plants.

COURSE CONTENT:

- Legislation.
- Identify plant invaders.
- Attendance and participation towards year mark.

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LANDSCAPE COMPANY START UP

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to manage their business.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- The golden rules.
 - Pitfalls to avoid when starting a landscape business.
 - Requirements for a new business.
 - Customer liaison.
 - Employee management / labour relations.
 - Suppliers' relationships.
 - Questions and answers.
 - Attendance and participation towards year mark.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN 3 – FULL TIME STUDENTS ONLY (5 WEEK WORKSHOP AND 4 WEEK PRACTICAL)

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to design and install a landscaped garden.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- Design workshop.
 - Practical.
 - Attendance and participation towards year mark.

DESIGN PRESENTATION 4

OVERALL OUTCOME: The purpose of this course is to equip you with further skills and knowledge necessary to produce detailed 3-dimensional graphics for landscape design.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- Master concept drawings in axonometric.
 - Produce pictorial drawings in:
 - Isometric view.
 - Oblique view.
 - Perspective.
 - Project/Exam Assessment.

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PRUNING (SEASONAL)

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to maintain plants through applying correct pruning methods.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- Introduction to pruning.
 - When to prune.
 - How to prune.
 - Attendance and participation towards year mark.

The afternoon session will include a practical workshop in a garden.

LAWN MANAGEMENT

OVERALL OUTCOME: To equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to prepare and maintain a lawn.

- COURSE CONTENT:**
- Introduction to lawn management.
 - Different types of lawn.
 - Preparing new lawn.
 - Maintenance (mowing, watering, fertilising and weeding).
 - Spring treatment.
 - After care.
 - Winter over seeding.
 - Attendance and participation towards year mark.

The afternoon session will include a practical workshop in a garden.

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INDUSTRY DAYS

OVERALL OUTCOME: Various days are set aside to broaden the experience and introduce you to the Industry/Key role players.

COURSE CONTENT:

- University of Johannesburg
- South Africa Nurseryman Association Day
- Malanseuns Day
- Attendance and participation towards year mark.

PRACTICAL DAYS

OVERALL OUTCOME: Practical Days are set aside to enable you to put into practice what you have learnt in theory.

Attendance and participation towards year mark.

Note:

Due to pandemic/state of emergency various practical days/industry days/courses maybe affected or not completed. Lifestyle College will do its utmost to complete as much as possible.

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1 Year Full Time Course	R54 500.00
	Deposit R6500.00
Deposit of R6,500.00 to be paid by 20 March 2021, thereafter 12-month payment plan of R 4000.00 per month. (1st payment 31 March 2021 and last payment 31 March 2022)	
<u>Courses</u>	<u>Duration</u>
History of Horticulture	1 full day
Health and Safety	1 full day
Botany 1	5 full days
Soils, Growing Media and Mulching	4 full days
Fertilizing and Composting	4 full days
Pest Control	5 full days
Water and Irrigation	2 full days
Propagate & Care for Ornamental Plants	4 full days
Identify Major Categories of Plants	7 full days
Plant and Establish Plants	3 full days
Establishing an Area of Turf	3 full days
Prune and Shape Ornamental Plants	3 full days
Herbs, Fruit & Vegetables	4 full days
Invasives	1 full day
Botany 2	5 full days
Plant Tutorials	30 days
Industry days	10 days
Practical's	30 days
Work Experience at Lifestyle Garden Centre (no remuneration)	3 Months

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Portfolio
submission/certification

R 2,500.00

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