

Ecologist (degree) ST0577



Apprenticeship

There is a crisis in the ecology sector with too few suitably experienced ecologists to oversee UK biodiversity policies. There is also a need for ecologists to embrace and understand changing priorities and legislation, with significant opportunities for the UK sector to learn from international standards and best practice in ecological restoration.

The Level 7 Ecologist Apprenticeship is designed to provide an accessible work-based learning route as an alternative to a traditional university model, for employers to recruit and develop ecologists in their organisation. At the start of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration we must do more than mitigate against further ecological deterioration by actively restoring damaged and destroyed habitats to protect and increase biodiversity and enhance ecosystem services - this requires skilled professionals to lead #GenerationRestoration.

The MSc Land and Ecological Restoration embedded within the apprenticeship standard aims to develop a thorough understanding of how to set success criteria and identify restoration priorities, engage stakeholders, plan, implement and monitor programmes of restoration, evaluate the success of activities, and plan aftercare. A significant advantage of the apprenticeship delivery model is the opportunity for enhanced knowledge exchange as apprentices from diverse backgrounds share their experiences with each other, with their tutors, and with their employers. Apprentices at Eden Project Learning will learn from professional UK ecologists and engage with a global community of restoration practitioners. Key principles and standards developed by professional bodies including the Chartered Institute of Ecology (CIEEM) and Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) are embedded in the programme to prepare apprentices for professional recognition.

Duration - Typically 2.5 years. Apprentices must complete MSc Land and Ecological Restoration part-time over two years to be eligible for End Point Assessment, which usually takes place within six months of graduation. The MSc is taught as four residential field courses to Cornwall (one week in April / May and one in Sept of each year of the apprenticeship), with a morning of online learning during term-time of the 30 week Higher Education year.

Cornwall College University Centre at the Eden Project offers a diverse range of higher education courses linked to the natural environment, including Horticulture, Plant Science, Soil



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Science, Ecology, and Garden and Landscape Design. With expert instruction and degrees awarded by the University of Plymouth, our programmes provide the perfect opportunity to gain both academic knowledge and practical skills.

As part of your studies, you'll benefit from access to the Eden Project's unique biomes, where you can apply your learning in tropical and Mediterranean environments, as well as outdoor garden settings. You'll also work alongside Eden's specialist horticulturists and gain hands-on experience. In your final year, you'll have the opportunity to conduct original research using these exceptional facilities, exploring industry-relevant topics to enhance your CV.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A good honours degree (minimum 2:2) or equivalent in a relevant discipline. Candidates with an unrelated Level 6 qualification with work experience in a relevant area are also encouraged to apply.



Additionally, candidates need a minimum Level 2 qualification in English and maths, candidates without Level 2 qualification in English and maths will need to achieve this level prior to end-point assessment.

Individual employers will set the selection criteria for their apprentices.



LOCATION & NEXT START DATE(S)

Cornwall College University Centre at the Eden Project - As required



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ATTENDANCE Work-based	FEES Tuition Fees: £0.00

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