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Land based industries at Kirkley Hall



Our Kirkley Hall campus is based in the Northumberland countryside just outside Ponteland. It has a long established history as the main provider of land based education and training in the region, stretching back more than 50 years.

The campus offers an ideal setting for hands on training in land based subjects, with excellent facilities that include a working farm, an upland farm, vast gardens and grounds with an extensive range of trees, plants and shrubs, an equestrian centre and an animal management unit.

We are committed to providing education and training to the agricultural and rural community of Northumberland and beyond. Our industry experienced tutors and excellent learning facilities enable us to give the best possible experience to our students, who come from all corners of the country.

We offer full and part time courses from entry level to higher education. Whether you already work in land based industries or are taking your first steps in a new career, we can help you achieve the skills and training you need.

Many of our courses are offered on a part time basis and some as work based learning such as our Apprenticeship courses.

The education provided at our Kirkley Hall campus is truly unique.

Where else can you take a course in tractor driving, arboriculture, veterinary care assistants or equine studies all on one site?

The campus boasts a modern Learning Resource Centre with state of the art IT suite, a sports hall and gym, high ropes course, a refectory serving a wide range of hot and cold food and a student bar, where you can enjoy a game of pool or relax with friends.

The campus is also home to the college's student accommodation, available to students who wish to study at our Kirkley Hall or Ashington campuses but may live too far away or find it hard to travel here. Many rooms in our halls of residence have Internet access.

Regular buses mean students can easily travel between campuses throughout the day. The campus is close to Newcastle city centre and is easily accessible by bus or car, so you can enjoy the best of city and rural life.

"Learners are attentive and work diligently; they like the range of practical activities."

"Teachers use industry knowledge well to illustrate links between theory and practice."

"Employer links are well established and links with local farmers allow students to work with modern equipment."

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Course title	Start date	Wks	Day/Time	Code	Location
Agriculture courses					
Level 1 Diploma in Land Based Studies (Agriculture)	13-Sep-10	TBC	TBC	TBC	Kirkley
Level 2 Diploma in Agriculture	13-Sep-10	30	Mon to Wed 09:10-16:20	LBI0256F	Kirkley
Level 3 Certificate in Agriculture	13-Sep-10	31	Mon 09:10-16:20	LBI0261P	Kirkley
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Agriculture	13-Sep-10	26	Mon & Tue & Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0105F	Kirkley
Level 3 Diploma in Agriculture	13-Sep-10	48	Mon & Tue & Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0002F	Kirkley
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture	13-Sep-10	2 Years	Mon & Tue & Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0004F	Kirkley
Level 3 Diploma in Agriculture (Sheep Management)	13-Sep-10	48	Mon & Tue & Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0026F	Kirkley
PA1 Found Module of Safe Use of Pesticide	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0050P	Kirkley
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayer – Mounted or Trailed	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0051P	Kirkley
PA6 Hand Held Applicators	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0052P	Kirkley
Certificate of Competence in All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Handling	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0073P	Kirkley
Certificate of Competence in Tractor Driving	Flexible	2 Days	On Demand	FCR0075P	Kirkley
Certificate of Competence in Safe Use of Sheep Dips	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0077P	Kirkley
Certificate of Competence in Fork Lift Truck Operations	Flexible	2 Days	On Demand	FCR0078P	Kirkley
Animal care and Veterinary nursing courses					
Certificate in Skills for Working Life – Land Based (Animals) (Entry 2)	13-Sep-10	25	Mon to Wed 09:10-16:20	LBI0237P	Kirkley
Certificate in Skills for Working Life – Land Based (Animals) (Entry 3)	13-Sep-10	25	Mon to Wed 09:10-16:20	LBI0238P	Kirkley
Diploma in Land Based Studies Level 1 – Animal Care	14-Sep-10	24	Tue to Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0041F	Kirkley

Course title	Start date	Wks	Day/Time	Code	Location
Level 2 Diploma in Animal Care	13-Sep-10	30	Mon to Wed 09:10-16:20	LBI0006F	Kirkley
National Certificate for Veterinary Care Assistants Level 2	16-Sep-10	35	Thu & Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0239P	Kirkley
Level 3 Certificate in Animal Management	13-Sep-10	31	TBC 09:10-16:20	LBI0247P	Kirkley
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Animal Management	13-Sep-10	26	Mon to Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0100F	Kirkley
Level 3 Diploma in Animal Management	13-Sep-10	48	Mon to Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0245F	Kirkley
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management	13-Sep-10	2 Years	Mon to Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0065F	Kirkley
HND Animal Management	20-Sep-10	2 Years	Mon & Thu & Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI9001F	Kirkley
Arboriculture courses					
Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture Level 2	13-Sep-10	30	Mon to Wed 09:10-16:20	LBI0258F	Kirkley
Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture Level 3	13-Sep-10	31	Mon 09:10-16:20	LBI0263P	Kirkley
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	13-Sep-10	26	Mon to Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0102F	Kirkley
Level 3 Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	13-Sep-10	TBC	TBC	TBC	Kirkley
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture	13-Sep-10	48	Mon to Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0268F	Kirkley
Foundation Degree in Arboriculture	27-Sep-10	2 Years	Mon 09:10-19:00	LBI9007P	Kirkley
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance and Crosscutting	Flexible	3 Days	On Demand	FCR0043P	Kirkley
CS31 Felling Small Trees	Flexible	2 Days	On Demand	FCR0044P	Kirkley
CS32 Felling Medium Trees	Flexible	2 Days	On Demand	FCR0045P	Kirkley
CS33 Felling Large Trees	Flexible	2 Days	On Demand	FCR0046P	Kirkley
CS34 Process Individual Windblown Trees	Flexible	2 Days	On Demand	FCR0047P	Kirkley
CS38 Climb Trees and Perform Aerial Rescue	Flexible	4 Days	On Demand	FCR0048P	Kirkley

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CS39 Use of a Chainsaw from a Rope and Harness	Flexible	3 Days	On Demand	FCR0049P	Kirkley
Certificate of Competence in Stump Grinding	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0070P	Kirkley
Certificate of Competence in Manually Fed Wood Chippers	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0071P	Kirkley
Certificate of Competence in Brushcutting Operations	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0072P	Kirkley
Certificate of Competence in Chainsaw and Related Operations (CS30 and CS31)	Flexible	1	On Demand	FCR0074P	Kirkley
CS40 Carry out Pruning Operations	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0080P	Kirkley
CS41 Carry out Dismantling Operations	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0081P	Kirkley
Countryside and environment courses					
Level 1 Diploma in Land Based Studies (Countryside and Environment)	13-Sep-10	24	Mon to Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0249F	Kirkley
Level 2 Diploma in Countryside and Environment	13-Sep-10	30	Mon to Wed 09:10-16:20	LBI0013F	Kirkley
Level 3 Certificate in Countryside and Environment	16-Sep-10	31	Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0260P	Kirkley
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Countryside Management	14-Sep-10	26	Tue & Thu & Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0101F	Kirkley
Level 3 Diploma in Countryside Management	14-Sep-10	48	Tue & Thu & Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0265F	Kirkley
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Countryside Management	14-Sep-10	2 Years	Tue & Thu & Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0017F	Kirkley
Award in Environmental Principles and Best Practice Level 2	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0059P	Workplace
Certificate of Competence in Safe Use of Mowers	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0076P	Kirkley
Certificate in Safe Use of Hedge Trimmers	Flexible	1 Day	On Demand	FCR0092P	Kirkley

Course title	Start date	Wks	Day/Time	Code	Location
Equine courses					
Level 1 Diploma in Land Based Studies (Horse Care)	14-Sep-10	24	Tue to Fri 09:10-14:20	LBI0240F	Kirkley
Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care	13-Sep-10	30	Mon to Wed 09:10-16:20	LBI0024F	Kirkley
Level 3 Certificate in Horse Management	13-Sep-10	31	TBC 09:10-16:20	LBI0248P	Kirkley
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Horse Management	14-Sep-10	34	Tue to Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0103F	Kirkley
Level 3 Diploma in Horse Management	13-Sep-10	48	Mon to Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0241F	Kirkley
Extended Diploma in Horse Management	13-Sep-10	2 Years	Mon to Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0025F	Kirkley
HND Equine Management	20-Sep-10	2 Years	Mon to Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI9004F	Kirkley
Certificate in Health and Safety for those Working in the Equine Industry	Flexible	4	TBC	LBI0112P	Kirkley
Horticulture and Floristry courses					
Certificate in Skills for Working Life – Land Based (Land and Plants) (Entry 2)	13-Sep-10	25	Mon to Wed 09:10-16:20	LBI0250P	Kirkley
Certificate in Skills for Working Life – Land Based (Land and Plants) (Entry 3)	13-Sep-10	25	Mon to Wed 09:10-16:20	LBI0251P	Kirkley
Level 1 Diploma in Land Based Studies (Horticulture)	13-Sep-10	24	Mon & Tue & Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0040F	Kirkley
Level 2 Diploma in Horticulture	13-Sep-10	30	Mon to Wed 09:10-16:20	LBI0257F	Kirkley
Level 3 Certificate in Horticulture	13-Sep-10	31	Mon 09:10-16:20	LBI0262P	Kirkley
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Horticulture	13-Sep-10	26	Mon to Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0104F	Kirkley
Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture	13-Sep-10	48	TBC	LBI0267F	Kirkley
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horticulture	13-Sep-10	2 Years	Mon to Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0023F	Kirkley

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Level 2 Diploma in Floristry	14-Sep-10	35	Tue & Thu & Fri 09:10-16:20	LBI0252F	Kirkley
Level 2 Diploma in Floristry	14-Sep-10	2 Years	Tue & Thu 09:10-16:20	LBI0253P	Kirkley
Apprenticeship in Horticulture Level 2 Programme	Flexible	1 Year	TBC	LBI0113D	Workplace
Advanced Apprenticeship in Horticulture Level 3 Programme	Flexible	1 Year	TBC	LBI0114D	Workplace



Brand new short courses for 2010

Call us on 01670 841278 to express your interest in one of our new short courses or check our website northumberland.ac.uk for details.

- Royal Horticultural Society Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Propagation and Development
- Royal Horticultural Society Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance
- British Horse Society Stage 1 Exam – Preparation Course
- First Aid for Horses
- Introduction to Lungeing your Horse
- Introduction to Clipping your Horse
- Good Pet Care – Your Rabbit or Guinea Pig
- Good Pet Care – Your Reptile
- Basic Floral Design
- Introduction to Bee Keeping

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Agriculture

Agriculture is an industry that has experienced massive change in recent years and Northumberland College is working with key local farming figures and organisations to ensure our agricultural training meets the needs of the industry today.

The land based campus at Kirkley Hall has been providing training to the agricultural industry for over 50 years. It has trained generations of farming families in the region and is dedicated to continue for many years to come. We want to make sure our agriculture students continue to receive the best training possible so they can develop up to date and relevant skills to work in this diversifying sector.

We have two farms run on a commercial basis, one at our Kirkley Hall campus and an upland farm in the Cheviot Hills, with sheep and cattle livestock and machinery workshops at Kirkley.

The farms provide a practical learning environment for our agriculture students who gain hands on experience, learning everything from husbandry to crop production.

Our unique partnerships with the farming community give our students access to a wide range of farming practices to enhance their training.

Whatever your chosen career in agriculture, whether it is working with animals, crops, or machinery, your training here will help you develop the skills and knowledge to succeed.

Former taxi driver and bookmaker Neil Rickerby enrolled at Kirkley Hall after watching a documentary about shepherding and thinking "I could do that".

Neil said:

"Before I joined the course I was a bit apprehensive because I don't have a farming background and I hadn't been in training since school but it didn't take me long to settle into the routine of learning and I've caught onto it well. I also think as a mature student my life experience has been useful. When I finish the course I plan to do further training and I still want to become a shepherd in the future, I've even got my dog ready to train!"



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Animal care and Veterinary nursing

Working with animals is an extremely rewarding vocation that requires a high level of skill and dedication. There are many career opportunities in expanding animal related industries including veterinary surgeries, kennels and catteries, zoos, breeding, retail management, animal sanctuaries and marketing animal products.

Whether you're already working in this sector or would like to begin a career caring for animals, we have training ranging from entry level courses, right through to higher education. This year we have launched a brand new course in veterinary nursing to increase your choice of training for a career working with animals.

Our courses lead to a variety of job opportunities in the industry and can offer progression onto university courses.

Our facilities offer you an excellent environment in which to train, gaining hands on practical experience in our animal management unit, which is stocked with a variety of animals including rabbits, chinchillas, rodents, terrapins, and the more exotic varieties such as Chinese water dragons, chameleons and iguanas.

Our animal care courses will also give you the opportunity to work with larger animals such as sheep, cattle and pigs.

Students undertake practical duties caring for the animals on a rota basis which forms an important part of their industrial placement.

Exciting new enclosures housing more zoo related animals are planned for the 2010/11 academic year.

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Arboriculture



Demand for workers trained in the tree care industry is high, both in the private and public sectors in the UK and overseas.

Good care and correct management of trees is proven to positively enhance the environment, so if you are interested in the environment then arboriculture could be the career you're looking for.

Whether you wish to begin or progress in your career in tree care, our excellent training and facilities offer the ideal opportunity for you to gain the skills you need.

We have a wide range of arboriculture courses to choose from. All of our courses will equip you with the knowledge, expertise, skills and experience needed for your career in tree care. Courses focus on all aspects of tree care, including the production, establishment and management of trees in the urban environment.

When you study at Northumberland College our grounds at Kirkley Hall will provide you with access to a wide range of native and exotic trees for identification purposes and the opportunity to carry out an extensive variety of tree management practices. The grounds include the National Fagus (Beech Tree) Collection. We also have a wide range of specialist equipment and machinery in our arboriculture unit, with a workshop and storage areas.

Job opportunities in this field include tree surgeons, council tree officers and working for landscaping companies.

"I developed an interest in arboriculture when I was doing my Masters degree in Plant Taxonomy and Biodiversity. I'm now on the National Award course and plan to go on to complete the Diploma next year before pursuing a career as a tree surgeon. I really enjoy the practical side of the course, like tree climbing and working with chainsaws, especially as my background is more academic. There's a good mix of younger and mature students on the course and the teaching is friendly and relaxed."

Christian French, 31,
National Award in
Forestry and Arboriculture

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Countryside and environment



If you have an interest in the preservation of a sustainable environment, the countryside and natural habitats then you would find a career in this industry very rewarding.

If your chosen career is in environment and countryside management or countryside recreation, then we will have a course for you.

The grounds at Kirkley Hall give students hands on experience and extensive expertise in managing a large, varied and historic estate, including woodland, grassland, hedgerows and aquatic habitats.

As part of your training you will gain hands on experience of putting plans into practice, and maintaining and improving the environment at the college and sites throughout Northumberland and beyond.

There are many career opportunities in this rewarding sector and our courses could prepare you to work in a variety of jobs including countryside ranger, conservation worker or wildlife warden.

"I used to work in admin but I've always wanted a career outdoors. When my children started school I enrolled at Kirkley Hall and I'm thoroughly enjoying the course. Most of the training falls into school time, so it's really convenient for me because I can fit the course around my family life. I would definitely recommend the course to anyone who's interested in countryside management and conservation."

Sarah Nicholson,
28, National Diploma
in Countryside
Management

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Equine



The quality of facilities and high calibre of staff at our Kirkley Hall campus provide an excellent environment to train for jobs in the horse industry.

Our equestrian centre includes a 25 horse stable yard, a horse walker, a fully equipped tack room, drying room facility, horse weighbridge, solarium, lecture room and extensive indoor demonstrating and horse handling areas, as well as feed stores and barns.

We have two floodlit all weather surface arenas suitable for dressage and show jumping. We also have a cross country course comprising 12 solid fences and a mixture of portable fences, which considerably enhance the learning environment. An indoor riding arena is being planned for autumn 2010 and the college hopes to host a British Eventing event in 2011.

Ranging from young stock to experienced schoolmasters, we have a large variety of horses on loan, complemented by a small core of college owned horses. Students can also stable their own horses nearby. A livery facility is also being developed at the college.

Our enthusiastic and passionate team lies at the heart of our success in equine studies. Our equine tutors are industry experienced, some of whom have worked with horses all over the world and competed on a national level in dressage and eventing.

Our courses run from entry level through to higher education. Students are encouraged to excel in all aspects of their training including competing in local and national competitions.

We now offer non-riding routes through all of our equine courses for those with horse experience but with little or no riding experience.

Students undertake practical duties on a rota basis giving them hands on experience.

There are a variety of jobs in this industry from managing livery yards and breeding, to equine event management or you could go on to specialise in fields such as equine dentistry, teaching and instruction or grooms in competition yards.

"Equine students undertake regular well planned yard duties which develop their skills for employment."

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The equine department is a "well presented, well organised establishment with excellent procedures and high standards of Stable Management in place."

British Horse Society,
2010

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Horticulture and Floristry



When you study horticulture or floristry at our Kirkley Hall campus you will have extensive grounds as your classroom.

Our gardens exceed four hectares and provide the perfect learning environment for horticulture students to gain hands on skills and experience.

The grounds include the National Fagus (Beech Tree) Collection, a Victorian walled garden, a large collection of unusual trees, shrubs, herbaceous and ornamental borders, many cultivars, woodland gardens and 1,330sqm of amenity and commercial greenhouses.

Our courses range from entry level to level 3 and cover areas such as plant propagation, landscaping, turf establishment and garden design. This year we have launched a brand new floristry course, which can be studied full or part time. We also offer an Apprenticeship and Advanced Apprenticeship in Horticulture.

Career opportunities in horticulture include landscaping, garden design and groundskeeping, and your training at Kirkley Hall will help you develop in your chosen discipline.

"With the big 'four-oh' looming I decided that it was time for a career change; away from a job in a busy analytical chemistry laboratory to a life of self-employment outdoors. So I chose Northumberland College's Kirkley Hall campus, as the place to go.

"As well as offering me the right course to suit my needs, the college helped me increase my knowledge and learn new skills in the outdoor environment, not just in the classroom."

Tony Melton, National Certificate in Horticulture