



## ***International Certificate in Landscape Design***

### **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. Over the years the College took a major turn in 1999 with the establishment of a more structured course following the Department of Educations 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 students looking for a career in Landscape Design.

Part-time courses are run on Saturdays and full time are run during weekdays.

### **The Key to Lifestyle College Success**

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

### **The Lifestyle College Difference**

Lifestyle College is the only College which has been educating designers for over 19 years. It is the only College that is accredited by London City and Guilds International. City & Guilds was established over 120 years ago and is still producing top students throughout the world.

The College also offers training courses and is accredited by AgriSeta and Department of Labour.

Lifestyle College belongs to the Association of Private Providers of Education and Training Practitioners. This ensures that we follow a code of business ethics and protect the student and the College.

Classes are small with a maximum of 24 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.



## **How Does the Full-Time Programme Work?**

This 12 month full-time programme covers the complete spectrum of Introductory and Advanced courses; a total of seventeen (17) courses with variable numbers of days for each course.

A selective and pre-screening interview is done for the enrolment of full time students by the Principal and Office Manager of the College.

The full time course is run during weekdays and normally three days a week from 09h00 to 16h00. The other two days are for homework or project work. A week is normally given between courses for projects and homework to be completed at the student's own pace at home.

The courses not only include lectures, workshops, practicals and outings, we also do extensive display within the Lifestyle nursery. This allows great opportunity to experiment and learn from the experience. Practical and outings are used extensively in the Advanced course to demonstrate and enhance the learning experience.

All courses are assessed by projects which are started in the classroom and completed at home. As this is outcomes based no written assessments are done.

A student will need to complete all the introductory courses first, before moving onto the advanced courses, with the exception of lawn management and pruning which are done at seasonal times of the year.

Each Advanced course focuses on a different design style and ensures that the designer is able to design any style that the client requires.

The ultimate practical is the show gardens which are designed and built by the students. This is an opportunity for the students to showcase their learning at the College. The show gardens are visited by over 100 000 people.

### **Terms**

Full Price for 2012 R33,000-00

Less Deposit : R 3,000-00 (to be paid by 20 January 2012)

10 Month Payment Plan: R 3,000-00 p/month (1<sup>st</sup> payment due 29 February 2012)



## **How Does the Part-Time Programme Work?**

The part-time programme runs on Saturdays and operates exactly the same as the full-time programme. The part-time course is suitable for people who are looking to change their careers whilst still working or for the gardener who wants to improve their skills.

This course, however, takes longer to complete as it is only one day a week.

Fees for each part-time course are due as and when each course of the programme starts.

Please see the attached pricelist for the cost of each course.

## **Accreditation with City & Guilds of London**

City & Guilds is the UK's best known awarding body for Vocational Qualifications. They have been developing and administering examinations and assessments leading to their qualifications for over 120 years.

City & Guilds qualifications confirm knowledge and skill against internationally recognized standards. Their certificates, diplomas and advanced diplomas are accepted throughout the world as evidence of achievement and are highly valued.

Their international status and recognition has been gained through stringent quality assurance. They require organizations applying to become approved assessment centres to meet certain criteria. The organization must demonstrate that they have qualified and that they have experienced staff as well as resources and equipment necessary for training and assessment to be conducted to the required standards. Once approved as a City & Guilds centre, the organisation will be monitored to ensure these standards are maintained.

City & Guilds has a number of different methods of assessing a candidate's ability. Lifestyle College students practical skills are assessed using a variety of methods including observation of performance, completion of practical assignments, projects and portfolios. These assessments are conducted by the centre either throughout the course or at the end, depending on the individual requirements of the programme. The expertise of the Visiting Verifier is used to ensure these assessments are completed to City and Guilds standards.

Fees for the City & Guilds Certificate are not included in the course costs.



## **Operations and Management of the Lifestyle College**

A high standard is set by the College and as a result rules and regulations are set out by the management of the College to assist students in meeting deadlines and submitting projects on time.

College operates to government school holidays as required by the Department of Education.

## **Certificates Achieved at the end of the Programme**

Students need to produce a portfolio at the end of the Advanced courses, that consists of all the courses they have done. This is then verified by a City & Guilds external verifier appointed by City & Guilds. The results are then sent to the South African branch for verification before being sent to London City & Guilds, where the final certificates in Landscape design are issued. In addition you also receive the Lifestyle College Certificate in Landscape design.

The course consists of 120 credits which can be used towards a further degree or diploma course in Horticulture or Landscape Design.

## **Lifestyle Garden Design Association (LGDA) and the Guild of Landscape Designers (GOLD)**

LGDA is a support system for young designers that guides and supports them when they are doing clients' gardens. It assists in helping the designers with legal contracts, suppliers, best sub-contractors to use, mentoring system and lots more.

Once the designer has completed their qualification and has installed a garden that is assessed by other members of GOLD, they are then admitted into the Guild of Landscape Designers who promote and maintain a professional standard for all qualified designers working in the industry from the Lifestyle College.

## **Entrance Requirements**

These courses are open to all who are over 23 years of age or have a grade 12 (matric) certificate.

Lifestyle College prides itself in the successful landscapers who have studied at the college and who have achieved many of the top designer awards at various garden shows and at the South African Landscape Industry (SALI) institute's yearly awards ceremony.



## **Introductory Programme Design and Craft – Landscape Design**

This programme has been divided into six (6) courses, namely:

- Course 1: Introduction to Landscape Design
- Course 2: Introduction to Horticulture
  - 2.1 Pruning (completed during June/July)
  - 2.2 Lawn Management (completed during August/September)
- Course 3: Introduction to Landscape Design Drawing
- Course 4: Plant Material Studies

### **Course 1 : Introduction to Landscape Design**

#### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the knowledge necessary to gain a thorough understanding of the requirements of landscape design.

#### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Introduction to Landscape Design Certificate

#### **Course Modules:**

- Module 1: Know your style and design goals
- Module 2: Take inventory, design principles, design process
- Module 3: Restyle a garden room, planting design, hardlandscaping, water in the garden
- Module 4: Concept plan
- Module 5: Garden analysis

#### **Projects:**

Design a section of your own garden and create a concept plan including the client questionnaire, site survey, circulation and zoning analysis, rough sketch of the new design with soft and hard landscaping elements, explanation of design goals and principles and inspirational pictures.



## **Course 2 : Introduction to Horticulture**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to perform basic garden maintenance and care.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Introduction to Horticulture Certificate

### **Course Modules:**

- Module 1: Understanding Basic Plant Pathology
- Module 2: Identifying and Improving your Garden Soil
- Module 3: Feeding Plants
- Module 4: Pests and Diseases
- Module 5: Planting

### **Assessment:**

**Garden maintenance project discussing plants, soils, fertilizers, pests and diseases and planting.**

## **Course 2.1 : Pruning**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to maintain plants through applying correct pruning methods.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Pruning Certificate

### **Course Modules:**

- Module 1: Introduction to Pruning
- Module 2: When to Prune
- Module 3: How to Prune

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



## **Course 2.2 : Lawn Management**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to prepare and maintain lawn.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Lawn Management Certificate

### **Course Modules:**

Module 1: Introduction to Lawn Management

Module 2: Different Types of Lawn

Module 3: Preparing New Lawn

Module 4: Maintenance (Mowing, watering, fertilizing and weeding)

Module 5: Spring Treatment

Module 6: After Care

Module 7: Winter Over Seeding

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

## **Course 3 : Introduction to Landscape Design Drawing**

### **Overall Outcomes:**

To equip the learner with the skills and knowledge necessary to draw a landscape design.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Introduction to Garden Design Drawing Certificate

### **Course Modules:**

Module 1: Essential Equipment

Module 2: Drawing to Scale

Module 3: Rendering – Colouring and Shading

Module 4: Ground Plans

Module 5: Graphics, Drafting and Lettering

Module 6: Evaluation of Ground Plans

### **Project:**

**Draw a 2D Garden Design Ground Plan to scale.**



## **Course 4 : Plant Material Studies**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to identify and utilise plants in a design.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Plant Material Studies Certificate

### **Course Modules:**

Module 1: Taxonomy and Plant Classification

Plant categories :

- Trees
  - Shrubs
  - Perennials
  - Ground covers
  - Climbers
  - Annuals
  - Herbs
  - Palms
  - Architectural plants
- Trees (Practical):
- Indigenous trees
  - Trees for small gardens
  - Deciduous trees
  - Evergreen trees
  - Drought tolerant trees

Module 2: Shrubs (Practical)

Perennials (Practical)

Module 3: Ground Covers (Practical)

Climbers and Annuals (Practical)

Module 4: Herbs, Palms and Architectural Plants (Practical)

Module 5: Assessment - ID Plant material

### **Project:**

Prepare a file of 100 identification information sheets of plants that grow in South Africa.



## **Advanced Programme Design and Craft – Landscape Design**

This programme has been divided into eleven (11) courses, namely:

- Course 1: Advanced Drawing
- Course 2: Garden Planning
- Course 3: Surveying and Measuring
- Course 4: Formal Design
- Course 5: Model Building
- Course 6: Irrigation
- Course 7: Informal Design
- Course 8: Ecological Design
- Course 9: Oriental Design
- Course 10: Show Design
- Course 11: Landscape Construction Basics (Concrete Work and Bricklaying, Paving and Water Features)



## **Course 1 : Advanced Drawing**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to draw advanced designs.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Advanced Drawing Certificate

### **Course Modules:**

- Module 1: Advanced Drawing Techniques
- Module 2: Elevation Drawing
- Module 3: Elevation Drawing
- Module 4: Axonometric
- Module 5: Axonometric
- Module 6: Axonometric
- Module 7: Axonometric
- Module 8: Project Assessment

### **Project:**

Prepare a garden design ground plan with landscaping lists.  
Draw 2 elevations or section-elevations and 1 axonometric projection.

## **Course 2 : Garden Planning**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the knowledge necessary to gain a thorough understanding of the requirements of garden planning.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Garden Planning Certificate

### **Course Modules:**

- Module 1: Introduction to Different Garden Styles
- Module 2: The Design Process
- Module 3: Plant Design
- Module 4: Analysis
- Module 5: Research and Evaluation Techniques
- Module 6: Field Trip
- Module 7: Project Assessment

### **Project:**

Design two gardens.



### **Course 3 : Surveying and Measuring**

**Overall Outcome:**

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

**Certification:**

Lifestyle College Surveying and Measuring Certificate

**Course Modules:**

- Module 1: Site Measurements
- Module 2: Calculating Areas and Volumes
- Module 3: Calculating Quantities

**Project:**

- Measure the fall of a simple slope
- Calculate areas and volumes of various shapes
- Calculate quantities for a garden design

### **Course 4 : Formal Design**

**Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to design a formal garden.

**Certification:**

Lifestyle College Formal Design Certificate

**Course Modules:**

- Module 1: The Language of Formal Design
- Module 2: Types of Formality
- Module 3: Components of a Formal Garden
- Module 4: Different Formal Gardens
- Module 5: Practicalities of a Formal Garden
- Module 6: Field Trip
- Module 7: Project Assessment

**Project:**

Design a formal garden.



## **Course 5 : Model Building**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to build accurate scale garden models in three dimensions.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Model Building certificate

### **Course Modules:**

- Module 1: Architectural Modelling
- Module 2: The Craft of Model Making
- Module 3: The Concept of Scale
- Module 4: Essential Equipment and Material
- Module 5: Building the Model

### **Project:**

Build a model in class constructing elements and plant materials according to the design as well as the principles of scale modelling.

## **Course 6 : Irrigation**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the fundamentals of residential and light commercial landscape irrigation system design.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Irrigation Certificate

### **Course Modules:**

- Module 1: Origins and Necessity of Irrigation
- Module 2: Types of Irrigation Sprinklers and other components
- Module 3: How to Zone an Irrigation System
- Module 4: Simple Irrigation Design
- Module 5: Tips and Techniques
- Module 6: Properties of Water and How Water is Pressurised
- Module 7: The Relationship between Pressure, Flow Rate and Spray Radius
- Module 8: Testing and Calculating Sprinkler Zones
- Module 9: 2 Practical Classroom Design Exercises

### **Project:**

Design an irrigation system.



## **Course 7 : Informal Design**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to design an informal garden.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Informal Design Certificate

### **Course Modules:**

- Module 1: The Language of Informal Design.
- Module 2: The Language of Informal Design Cont
- Module 3: Different Informal Gardens
- Module 4: The Practicalities of Informal Design
- Module 5: The Components of Informal Design
- Module 6: Field trip
- Module 7: Project Assessment

**Project:** Design an informal garden.

## **Course 8 : Ecological Design**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to design an ecological garden.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Ecological Design Certificate

### **Course Modules:**

- Module 1: Introduction to the Ecological Garden
- Module 2: Designing Different Ecological Gardens
- Module 3: Designing Different Ecological Gardens cont.
- Module 4: The Components of Ecological Gardens
- Module 5: Rehabilitating an Established Garden
- Module 6: Field trip
- Module 7: Project Assessment

### **Project:**

Design an ecological garden.



## **Course 9 : Oriental Design**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to design an oriental garden.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Oriental Design Certificate

### **Course Modules:**

- Module 1: Introduction to the Oriental Garden
- Module 2: Types of Oriental Gardens
- Module 3: Design Principles
- Module 4: Design Elements
- Module 5: Practicalities of Oriental Gardens
- Module 6: Field Trip
- Module 7: Project Assessment

### **Project:**

Design an oriental garden.

## **Course 10 : Show Designs**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to design and execute a show garden.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Show Design Certificate.

### **Course Modules:**

- Module 1: Brief
- Module 2: Concept
- Module 3: Hard Landscaping and Pattern
- Module 4: Evaluation of Hard Landscaping and Pattern
- Module 5: Soft Landscaping
- Module 6: Evaluation of Soft Landscaping
- Module 7: Final Presentation

### **Project:**

Design and Build a Show Garden



## **Course 11 : Landscape Construction Basics**

### **Overall Outcome:**

To equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to design, specify and build a wall; and to design and lay various types of paving; and construct or install a water feature.

### **Certification:**

Lifestyle College Certificate on completion and assessment of practical

### **Concrete Work and Bricklaying Modules:**

Module 1: Types of Walls

Module 2: The Structure of a Wall

Module 3: Material and Tools

Module 4: Footings, Foundations, Piers, Expansion Joints

Module 5: Building a Wall

Practical

### **Paving Modules:**

Module 1: Types of Paving

Module 2: Preparation

Module 3: Laying Paving

Module 4: Constructing a Step

Module 5: Product Details

Practical

### **Water Features Modules:**

Module 1: Types of Water Features

Module 2: Sealing and Finishing

Module 3: Proportionate Sizes and Specifications

Module 4: Pumps, Piping and Filtration Systems

Module 5: Using Correct Plant Material

Practical

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