

# Professional Diploma in Horticulture, Arboriculture and Landscape Management

## and Professional Certificate in Horticulture and Arboriculture

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Offered by Faculty of Design and Environment,  
THEi Programme Code: ST524208  
QF Level: 4



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### Programme Description

This professional programme (PDHALM) is designed essentially to meet the demands from the industry for horticultural and arboricultural practitioners as well as landscape works supervisors. It provides a broad-based framework for the study level (Level 4) modules, and emphasizes horticultural principles and practices, plant science, tree risk assessment and landscape management, blending together the essential intellectual and practical skills that match the industry's requirements best. Students will be awarded an intermediate award, namely, Professional Certificate in Horticulture and Arboriculture (PCHA), upon satisfactory completion of the first four core modules.

The programme will be delivered by face-to-face instruction. Within the 280 contact hours, various methods will be employed to facilitate learning and teaching, such as lecture, tutorial, workshop, practical session and site visit. By enrolling this programme, students will acquire the value, knowledge and skill for lifelong learning, and enhanced employability to enter the rapidly growing landscape and greening industry.

### Professional Recognition

Both Professional Diploma (PDHALM) and Professional Certificate (PCHA) programmes are recognized as "Academic Qualifications" of Arborist, and as "Academic/Professional Qualifications" of Tree Risk Assessor, in vetting application for Arborists and Tree Risk Assessors under Registration Scheme for Tree Management Personnel of Hong Kong SAR Government.

Graduates are eligible to apply for memberships of (subject to fulfilment of additional requirement on relevant working experience as appropriate):

- Accredited Arborist of the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
- Technician Membership of the Arboricultural Association (UK)
- Membership of the Chartered Institute of Horticulture (UK)

### Academic and Professional articulation pathway

Graduates are eligible to apply for QF level 5 degree program [Bachelor of Science \(Honours\) in Horticulture, Arboriculture and Landscape Management](#) Top up Year 3 entry (Part-time or Full-time mode) given that they had at least five years of relevant working experience. Study duration is around 2 to 3 years for part-time mode and 2 years for full time mode.

### Teaching Staff

Qualified teaching staff will include teachers from experienced specialists and professionals in the related field from both the public and private sectors.

### Entry Requirements

- Five HKDSE subjects at Level 2 or above, including English Language and Chinese Language, or equivalent, with at least 1 year's relevant working experience; or
- 5 passes in the HKCEE (including English Language – Grade E/ Level 2) or equivalent, with at least 1 year's relevant working experience; or
- Mature applicants at the age of 21 or above by the commence day of the targeted round of programme offering, with at least 1 year's relevant working experience.

Applicants with award(s) in relevant stream(s) will be considered case-by-case. Individual module exemption may be granted subject to THEi's Academic Policies and Regulations.

## Duration

Approximately 1 year for the Professional Diploma (PDHALM); and  
Approximately 6 months for the Professional Certificate (PCHA).

## Delivery Mode

Part-time, weekday evening and/or weekend classes

## Venue

Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong (Chai Wan Campus)  
133 Shing Tai Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong

## Tuition Fee and Caution Money

Program tuition fee and approximate amount of Vplus subsidy are listed below.

Program	Tuition Fee	Vplus Subsidy (approximate amount) #	Tuition fee After Vplus Subsidy (approximate amount) #
PDHALM	HK\$48,000	HK\$28,800	HK\$19,200
PCHA	HK\$33,120	HK\$19,872	HK\$13,248

# Enrolled students should apply for Vplus subsidy Scheme and submit necessary documents for approval on their own sake. The tuition fee will be reimbursed by instalments at the end of each term of the programme upon successful completion. The above subsidy is calculated based on current Vplus subsidy scheme, please refer to [Vplus Subsidy Scheme](#) website for latest arrangement, and is subject to change.

\*HK\$400 will be collected as the caution money during application

*Class will run subject to sufficient enrolments. In the unlikely instance where a class has to be cancelled, cheques received for payment of tuition fee and caution money will be returned to applicants.*

## VPlus Subsidy Scheme – Vplus Engineering

This programme has been included under the VPlus Subsidy Scheme – VPlus Engineering – a pilot scheme of the HKSAR Government to provide tuition fee subsidy to students. Under this scheme, eligible and successful applicants shall be refunded 60% of the tuition fee, subject to a maximum of HK\$45,000 per person, by instalments at the end of each term of the programme upon successful completion. For details of this scheme, please visit [https://www.vtc.edu.hk/admission/f/upload/4722/ENG\\_Vplus\\_Landing\\_Page.pdf](https://www.vtc.edu.hk/admission/f/upload/4722/ENG_Vplus_Landing_Page.pdf)

## Class Schedule

### **AY2023/24 Class A - Target to be commenced in October 2023**

Monday and/or Wednesday evening  
Saturday morning and/or Saturday afternoon

### **AY2023/24 Class B - Target to be commenced in March 2024**

Tuesday and/or Thursday evening  
Saturday morning and/or Saturday afternoon

## Application Period

### **AY2023/24 Class A**

Mid July 2023 to Early September 2023 (to be confirmed)

## Enquiry

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