

Floristry

If you wish to become a qualified florist, with the business skills to run your own floristry shop, we have the course for you.

Or, you could learn how to put together professional-standard displays for weddings, funerals and other events.

You can study other subjects alongside the courses, while strong links with industry mean there may also be opportunities to undertake work experience with floristry businesses.

The College has its own floristry shop, Flower Trends, where you can learn to make an impression in the workplace and deal with the public.

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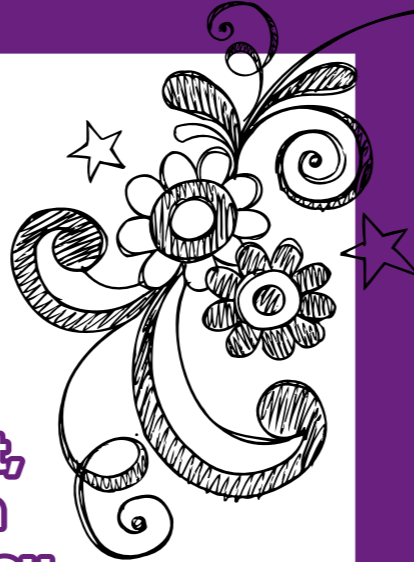
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Nusrat Nawaz, Level 1 Certificate in Floristry



Nusrat had spent 15 years caring for her mother, then her mother-in-law. She had always wanted to study but wasn't sure she could get into college. By taking the Skills for Life course at Leicester College, Nusrat progressed from level 1 English and maths to level 2 and gained the confidence to study on a floristry course. She now works one day a week in a floristry shop and wants to open her own shop in the future.

Nusrat said: "I wanted to gain a qualification and learn about floristry. I would recommend Leicester College highly. It gave me opportunities to go forward. The tutors have never made me feel older than any of the other learners and persuaded me to progress."



Level 1 Certificate: Floristry

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A1524
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 1

What's it all about?

This course is for you if you are a beginner in floristry and want a general introduction onto the subject.

What does it involve?

The course content includes plant care, conditioning fresh material, gift-wrapping and presentation, wedding designs, funeral and sympathy tributes. You will also take a Functional Skills qualification in English and ICT. You will need to have a camera to photograph all of your work. There is the opportunity for work experience in the College Flower Shop.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment. You must complete a portfolio of your work to submit at the end of the year.

What entry qualifications do I need?

You are required to bring 2 written references along to your interview plus evidence of at least 80% attendance at school. Adult learners are encouraged to apply and bring one good reference. You will need to demonstrate a keen attitude to study with a commitment to learn. You will need to have an English qualification at Entry 3 or above.

What can I do afterwards?

Work as a florist in a shop or supermarket or in a garden centre tending to plants and flowers or progress onto the level 2 Certificate/Diploma in Floristry.

What days and times will I be in College?

17 hours per week over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

There are additional costs for an apron to protect clothing, text books and small items in a tool box, approximately £60. Trips to the wholesale markets, trade shows, florist wholesalers, competitions, flower shows. Trips will cost approximately £20.

Level 2 Diploma: Floristry

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A1077
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

The course is for you if you are interested in floristry and wish to gain a recognised level 2 qualification in the floristry industry. There is also the opportunity to take a Functional Skills qualification in English or ICT.

What does it involve?

The course looks at a wide range of professional floral designs, wedding and funeral work, flower and plant care and what it is like working in the industry. The course is both practical and theoretical and there is also assignment work to be completed. We have a flower shop, where you will gain additional design and retail experience. You will need your own camera to photograph your work. A portfolio of work must be completed at the end of the course.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment. You must complete a portfolio of your work to submit at the end of the year.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Creative flair, good communication skills and a keen attitude and commitment to learn. You must have a good standard of literacy and numeracy working at level 1. In some cases successful completion of a level 1 floristry course would be an advantage. One reference from a previous school or employer showing attendance at 80% or above is needed. One other good reference from a professional person for an adult learner is also required.

What can I do afterwards?

Work as a florist in a shop or supermarket or in a garden centre tending to plants and flowers. You could also aim to be a freelance florist working from home.

What days and times will I be in College?

17 hours per week over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

There are additional costs for an apron to protect clothing, text books and small items of equipment in a tool box, approximately £60. Trips to the wholesale markets, trade shows, florist wholesalers, competitions, flower shows will cost approximately £20.





Apprenticeship: Floristry

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A6298
Course Length: One/Two Years
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

This course is for you if you are already in full-time employment in a commercial florist and would like to gain a level 2 Apprenticeship in Floristry.

What does it involve?

Whilst studying on this course you will learn about the different types of flowers, plants and foliage and how to use them to create designs for all occasions to include weddings and sympathy designs.

You will also learn how to prepare, store and display the flowers and plants. You will also be required to achieve level 1 Functional Skills and employee rights and responsibilities.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

You must be employed to complete this qualification. There are no formal entry requirements however a mature attitude to study and an artistic flair would be advantageous.

What can I do afterwards?

You will be able to progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship or gain employment working in a floristry shop, garden centre or any retail outlet where flowers are sold.

What days and times will I be in College?

Seven hours per week over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Trips to exhibitions, wholesalers and trade fairs will be made available to you. You will also be able to participate in local and national competitions.

Travel

How will you be travelling to College?

Find out about subsidised bus passes on page 7.

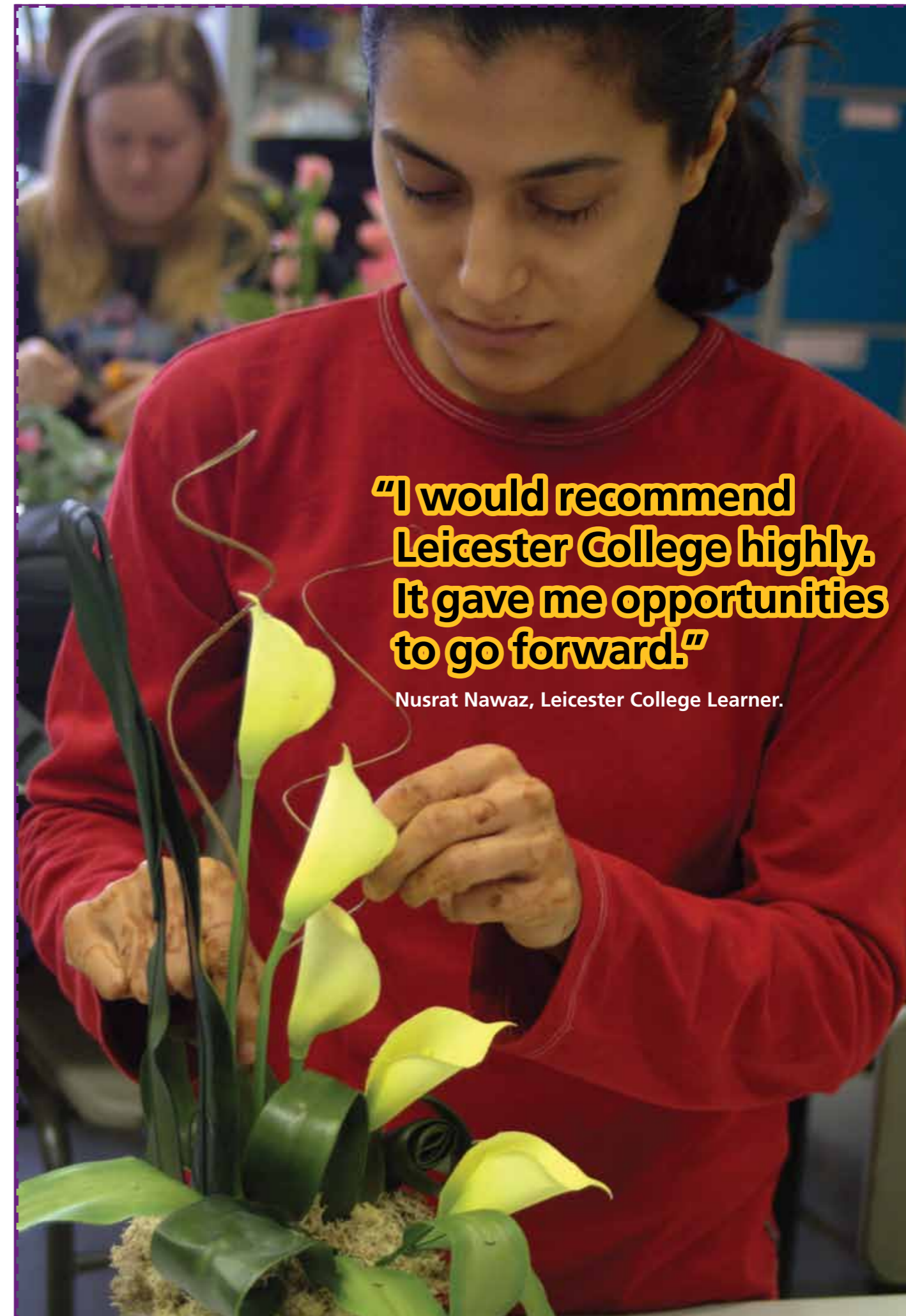
Apprenticeships Earn while you learn

A vast range to choose from, you can find your perfect apprenticeship at Leicester College. Find out more on page 8.

Bursary funding

Need financial help to attend College?

Find out about bursary funding for 16 to 19 year olds on page 188.



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