

## Spring Flowers

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| Location    | Altrincham Campus                                                                                                                                       |
| Course Type | Adult                                                                                                                                                   |
| Department  | Horticulture                                                                                                                                            |
| Start Date  | Thursday 22nd January 2026                                                                                                                              |
| Duration    | Part-time, 6 Weeks                                                                                                                                      |
| Time        | 18:30 - 20:30                                                                                                                                           |
| Fee         | £ 54.00<br>You may be eligible for support with your tuition fees - please visit the college website - funding and finance page for further information |
| Course Code | APQ-CYXZ-1228                                                                                                                                           |

## Course Overview

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The aims of this course are to introduce floristry with the specific focus to displays that can be used over the spring period.

- To encourage safe and efficient working practices
- Topics will include:
  - Care and conditioning of flowers
  - Principles and elements of design
  - Constructing a range of designs in floral foam
  - Basic techniques for wiring and taping flowers and foliage
  - Designing different styles of arrangements (provided weekly)

## Course Requirements

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There are no entry requirements, making it accessible to anyone interested in learning about floristry.

Please note - a range of flowers and other items will have to be purchased to attend this course, a list will be provided weekly.

## What You Will Learn

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Care and conditioning of flowers: This topic will teach you how to properly care for and condition flowers to ensure they remain fresh and vibrant for as long as possible.

Principles and elements of design: You will learn about the fundamental principles and elements of design, which are essential for creating aesthetically pleasing floral arrangements.

Constructing a range of designs in floral foam: This section will cover how to construct various floral designs using floral foam, a common material used in floristry to support and hydrate flowers.

Basic techniques for wiring and taping flowers and foliage: You'll be introduced to the basic techniques for wiring and taping flowers and foliage, which are crucial skills for creating intricate floral designs.

Designing and making a buttonhole: This topic will guide you through the process of designing and making a buttonhole, a small floral arrangement typically worn on a lapel.

## Assessment

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This is an essentially practical course with no formal assessment. Students will receive constructive verbal feedback each week and will be encouraged to keep a photographic record of their work.

## Progression

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There are additional horticulture courses available

## Career Options

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Completing an Introduction to Spring Flowers short course can open up several career opportunities in the floristry and horticulture fields. Here are some potential career paths:

Horticulture or display: This course can lead to roles in horticulture or floral display, where you can work with plants and flowers in various settings.

Floral Designer: You can create beautiful floral arrangements for various occasions.

Studio Operation: Focus on special events, catering, or freelance designing.

Wholesale Florist-Supplies: Sell fresh or silk flowers and decorative accessories.

These roles can be found in various settings, including retail floral shops, event planning companies, and wholesale suppliers.

## Mandatory Units

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There are no mandatory units on this course.

## Contact Details

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For further information please contact T: 0161 886 7070 or E: [info@trafford.ac.uk](mailto:info@trafford.ac.uk)

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