



Basic course: Animals, plants and nature
 Duration: Between 2 years and 3 years, 8 months
 Admission requirements: 9th grade schooling

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Greenhouse Gardener

Greenhouse Gardener, Assistant Greenhouse Gardener

Greenhouse gardeners grow pot plants, vegetables and/or fruit in the giant greenhouses that are to be found all over Denmark. The different plants require specific cultivation processes. These are controlled by the greenhouse gardener, from the time when the seeds from the fields are placed in the transfer trays until the cutting pots are filled. The work is performed in greenhouses, where the atmosphere is often warm and moist. The greenhouse gardener is involved in the entire process, including programming the automatic climate system and disinfecting the greenhouses between the crops.

The greenhouse gardener course also has a "step off point" at the level of assistant greenhouse gardener. The difference between the full and shorter versions of the course is that the final section focuses in particular on responsibility and planning to provide the greenhouse gardener with greater knowledge and expertise.

Specialist subjects

The course features the following specialist subjects and steps:
 Greenhouse gardener and the assistant greenhouse gardener step.

How long does the course take?

The greenhouse gardener course takes 3 years, 8 months, including 45 weeks at the college. The assistant greenhouse gardener step takes 2 years, including 33 weeks at the college.

Can I continue studying in this area?

Once you have qualified as a greenhouse gardener, you can continue training to become an agricultural technician, a hortonomist or a landscape architect.



Where can I take the course?

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The form your course will take at Kold college

Basic course

Your vocational training course starts either with a basic course at a commercial college, or with practical work experience at a company. No matter which path you choose, you will follow exactly the same programme for your education. A basic course can last 10–60 weeks. The length of the course depends on your own conditions, i.e. if you know what you want to do when you start your course, or if you want to try different specialist areas before making up your mind.

Main section

Once you have completed your basic course, you can progress to the main section of your education. To start the main section, you must have entered into a training agreement with a company. Some courses offer you the chance to complete your work experience at the college itself if you cannot arrange work experience with an external company. During the main section of your course, you will switch between practical work experience and lessons at the college. The overview below shows the form such a course may take.

Work experience

You are responsible for finding a work experience placement yourself, but the counsellors at the college and your contact teacher will be happy to help you. You can, for example, use the online database at www.praktikpladsen.dk to search for vacant work experience placements, but generally speaking, the best way to find such a placement is to visit your chosen company in person.

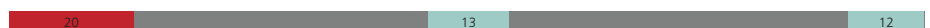
Finance

During your basic course, you are entitled to receive subsidy from the Danish state (SU) as long as you are 18 years old and without a work experience agreement. Once you start the main section of your course you will receive apprentice wages. You will be paid wages from the start of your course if you have a work experience agreement that covers your basic course, too.

How much you are paid depends on the course you are taking. Your wages will rise as your course progresses, and you will be paid both during your time in work experience and while you are studying at the college. You will also be paid wages if you perform your work experience at the college, although at slightly lower rates.



Example: Greenhouse Gardener – 3 years, 8 months



Example: Assistant Greenhouse Gardener (Step 1) – 2 years



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The duration of the course is stated in school years @ 40 weeks. The duration of the basic course can vary from 10 to 60 weeks. The timing and form of the college periods of the main section can also vary between colleges.

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