

Country: **France**

Organization: Université Populaire de Permaculture

Diploma name: Diplôme de Permaculture Appliquée

Number of Diploma Holders: living in France: 7 working with UPP.

Current students: more than 100

Certifying body: minimum 2 Diploma holders

Contact details: <http://www.permaculturefrance.com>

Prerequisites: Successful completion of the 72 hour Permaculture Design Course

Requirements to complete: \_\_\_\_\_

Process details:

For those who consider that they have sufficient experience and knowledge (and have completed a PDC+ a subsequent 6 months of project work) to shortcut the full Diploma scheme there is an assessment system where they can pre-present their work to at least 2 Diploma holders, should these decide that the required standard is shown said person can pass onto the next accreditation event.

Using either a mentor from the Université or passing into the Compagnons de Permaculture apprenticeship scheme a student can continue from a Permaculture design course towards the « Diplôme de Permaculture Appliquée ». This involves 2 years minimum work and the presentation at an accreditation event of their 'masterpiece'<sup>o</sup> and their syllabus/format they would use for leading a PDC. These events have at least 2 Diploma holders present and a group of Diploma students. They are organised by the Université who undertake to present these projects on its website.

Les Compagnons de Permaculture

This involves a Tour de France/world of Permaculture sites who agree to participate with the apprenticeship system and have a Diploma holder in residence who also has at least 5 years of practical project experience. The apprentice works out a Tour which will take them to the projects most relevant to their chosen areas of specialisation. After at least 2 years they can present their masterpiece<sup>o</sup> and PDC format/syllabus to a normal accreditation event.

A masterpiece is a the work produced by an apprentice to show they have developed mastery of their chosen field, generally for the Diploma these will be a collection of apprentice pieces which are the works completed during the 2 years.

The student has to present minimum 10 designs or 1 that is implemented.

The student has to participate in teaching minimum 3 PDCs

Cost:

The Diploma pathway/mentoring and Compagnon system are free.