

Art & Design (National Certificate)

Course Description

Everyone has the potential to be creative and there are many professions in which good art and design skills are essential. This very practical, full time course provides an excellent opportunity to broaden and develop your skills and explore a number of creative disciplines. The course is particularly suitable for individuals wishing to develop an art portfolio for application to art college, but can be tailored for those who are less confident in their ability and keen to learn. It will provide an opportunity to assess this subject area as a vocation. The course focuses on developing key skills and includes study of the following;

- ★ drawing skills including life drawing and analytical drawing
- ★ line and tone techniques, colour and composition
- ★ painting
- ★ textiles
- ★ printmaking
- ★ digital media
- ★ 3D art forms
- ★ sketchbook development

Critical and analytical skills will be developed through research into the work of other artists. Project work whilst on the course will provide students with the opportunity to develop their design skills, researching, developing ideas and concepts before producing a piece of final art work.

Students will have the time and space to produce an extensive portfolio of visual work for application to HE programmes. Wherever possible, visits to galleries and art college open days will be incorporated into the course and students will be encouraged to participate in exhibitions.

In addition, the opportunity to study Art or English up to Higher level is an option or improve IT or numeracy skills. Access to the course on a part time basis may be possible at the discretion of the tutor.

Entry requirements

Entry to this course is by application. An Application Form can be downloaded from our website, obtained from the nearest college learning centre or by telephoning Admissions on 01599 566770.

Students will have completed a minimum of 4 years of secondary education and have 3 Standard Grades at General Level, or Intermediate 1 English and Mathematics/Numeracy. It would be useful to also have some previous experience of an art or design course and all applicants must be able to demonstrate a strong desire and commitment to study.

Qualifications

Following successful completion of the required number of units, students will achieve a National Certificate in Art & Design at level 6. In addition, students will gain the appropriate Certificate for all other qualifications at the level achieved.

Attendance

This full time course requires minimum attendance of 21 hours per week for the full year starting in August. The course will be based at our Arts Centre in Portree and timetable details are given at the beginning of the course. Classes are generally scheduled between the hours of 9am and 6pm but some classes may finish after this time.

Progression

This course also provides well articulated progression routes to higher study in the areas of art and design (please see over the page). It also provides students with good foundation skills that could be useful in many job roles, or for self employment.

National Certificate in Art and Design

at SCQF level 6

Group Award Code: G96X 46



The full time course will consist of a minimum of 18 credits. Students must achieve 12 units from the Art and Design framework to be awarded the NC Art and Design.

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