

CUA20715 Certificate II in Visual Arts

COURSE INFORMATION BROCHURE

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE



The Certificate II in Visual Arts is designed to provide participants with the opportunity to build skills and knowledge in Art and Design as well as to begin to prepare a portfolio for further study or entry-level positions in the creative industry. Classes are run in a simulated work environment where students follow professional practices and OH&S guidelines. It covers diverse occupations in the visual arts, craft and design industries across a wide range of specialisations and media.

ACTIVITIES/TASKS

Students explore a range of techniques in drawing, sculpture, painting, printmaking, and apply these skills to independent and group projects. They develop a basic knowledge of art history and the design industry through lectures, discussion and personal experience. Students regularly attend galleries, studios, and design workplaces as well as working with specialists from Melbourne's creative community.

ASSESSMENT

Students receive informal assessment throughout the year in the form of teacher and peer feedback in class time and are formally assessed via evaluation interviews at the end of the semester. Assessment is based on submission of set tasks. Provided all course requirements are met, students receive the appropriate certificates at the conclusion of the course.

The assessment of overall competence at this certificate level is undertaken by a qualified assessor and competence is judged using the criteria stated in the qualification.

ELIGIBILITY AND PREREQUISITES

There are no formal prerequisites for this course. If you have any individual needs please contact the college to discuss these needs.

COURSE CONTENTS

YEAR 1 Odd Year (Foci: Drawing and Painting)

Core

BSBWHS201 Contribute to health and safety of self and others
CUARES202 Source and use information relevant to own arts practice
BSBDES201 Follow a design process

Electives

CUAPAI201 Develop painting skills
CUADRA201 Develop drawing skills
CUAPPR302 Document the creative work progress

YEAR 2 Even Year (Foci: Printmaking and Sculpture)

Core

BSBWHS201 Contribute to health and safety of self and others
CUAACD101 Use basic drawing techniques
CUAPPR201 Make simple creative work

Electives

CUAPRI201 Develop printmaking skills
CUASCU201 Develop sculptural skills

BENEFITS OF THIS TRAINING

Students gain experience using a broad range of materials, equipment and techniques and have the opportunity to improve their art and design skills and knowledge. Students develop a professional portfolio of artworks and gain real-world experience through working with practicing artists and designers.

PATHWAYS

This course enables students to progress towards a range of courses at NCAT and alternate providers.

Students completing one year of this course are eligible to continue completion of the second year within the full time Arts Immersion course at NCAT. This course combines the Certificate II and III in Visual Arts with the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning in order to provide an arts focused experience for students completing Year 11 and 12.

Successful completion of the two years, resulting in a Certificate II in Visual Arts prepares students for entry into further study including:

- Certificate III in Visual Arts
- Certificate IV in Visual Arts / Certificate IV in Design
- Certificate IV in Photo Imaging

These courses are all offered at NCAT within the Folio Preparation and NCAT Photography departments and provide further learning to support entry into graduate study at Diploma and University level. Additionally, the Certificate II in Visual Arts is a recognised qualification for entry into higher levels at alternate providers.

COURSE FEES

There is a materials charge for NCAT students. This is not applicable to VET students from other schools as they will have separate arrangements with their own schools regarding VET course costs. Students are given a materials list at the beginning of the year, which must be purchased by week three.

LENGTH OF THE COURSE

The course length is two years. Students will be provided with a training plan for completing assessment tasks for each unit. This program runs for one half day per week.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

External students must apply through the VET Coordinator at their home school and complete the enrolment form at the NCAT enrolment evening.

Please note: For details regarding Access, Equity, Privacy Policy, Refunds Policy, Student Conduct, Recognition Processes, Access to Records, Complaints & Appeals Policy etc. Please see the [VET & General Student Handbook](#), available on the NCAT website.

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