

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, which include, amongst others, painting, sculpture, digital art and design fundamentals. Students also have the opportunity to participate in additional VCE/VET subjects and can access external courses and relevant work placements as required.

ACTIVITIES/TASKS

Students develop the core skills necessary for success in the contemporary design industry: drawing, digital imaging, design basics and creative and critical thinking. They explore a range of techniques in sculpture, painting and printmaking and apply these skills to independent and group projects. They develop a broad knowledge of Art history and the design industry through lectures, discussion and personal experience. Students regularly attend galleries, studios, design workplaces and art industry events as well as working with specialists from Melbourne's creative community.

ASSESSMENT

Learning and assessment is integrated, with assessment evidence being collected and feedback provided to the student on an ongoing basis. Assessment is based on submissions of set tasks (visual, written and oral), participation in group projects, discussion and demonstration of professional practice throughout the year.

At the end of terms one, two and three students attend formal evaluation interviews where they submit their portfolio and supporting material for assessment according to VET guidelines. The assessment of students' overall competence at this certificate level will be undertaken by a qualified assessor and competence judged using all of the relevant criteria. All training resources will be provided upon payment and enrolment.

Students will be given a fair and adequate assessment process that includes the option of a re-assessment. At the end of the year there is a trainer evaluation, where students evaluate the preparation and support provided by the trainers.

ELIGIBILITY AND PREREQUISITES:

There are no formal prerequisites for this course. Candidates are selected by interview with demonstrated interest in the Visual Arts industry. Following an interview, staff will decide on the appropriate level for each student based on perceived capabilities, previous school reports and literacy skills. If you have any individual needs please contact the RTO to discuss these needs and the options available to you.

COURSE CONTENTS

Core

BSBWHS201	Contribute to health and safety of self and others
CUAPPR201	Make simple creative work
CUAACD101	Use basic drawing techniques
CUARES202	Source and use information relevant to own arts practice

Electives

CUADIG202	Develop digital imaging skills
CUAPAI201	Develop painting skills
CUAPRI201	Develop printmaking skills
CUASCU201	Develop sculptural skills
BSBDES201	Follow a design process

BENEFITS OF THIS TRAINING:

Students gain experience using a broad range of materials, equipment and techniques, see vast improvement in art and design skills and knowledge and develop crucial thinking skills. Students develop a professional portfolio of artworks, opening up pathways into work and further study. In addition, students gain real-world experience through exhibition of their own work, commissions for festivals and working with practicing artists and designers. We follow the principle of providing individuals with the broadest possible combination of skills and attributes for maximum employability.

PATHWAYS:

This program provides a direct pathway into the NCAT Folio Preparation Program, other further education and training and/or directly to employment.

COURSE FEES:

There are no course fees. A \$300 materials charge applies. In addition, students are required to purchase a basic kit of Art equipment prior to commencement of the course.

LENGTH OF THE COURSE:

The course length is one year. Students will be provided with a training plan for completing assessment tasks for each unit.

ENROLMENT PROCESS:

Students are required to complete an application form and attend a pre-selection interview, where they must demonstrate a genuine interest in the Visual Arts. Enrolment is held at the college. Literacy, language and numeracy are tested on enrolment to establish individual needs.

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.

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