

CUA40715 Certificate IV in Design

COURSE INFORMATION



DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

The CUA40715 Certificate IV in Design qualification provides a pathway to a career in design via further training and study or employment. Students work to achieve competency in design related skills and knowledge. They develop their personal abilities and skills to produce a folio of work suitable to gain entry to further study or employment in Design. The qualification will provide participants with the knowledge and skills to:

- Demonstrate understanding of a broad knowledge base incorporating some theoretical concepts
- Apply solutions to a defined range of unpredictable problems
- Identify and apply skill and knowledge areas to a wide variety of contexts, with depth in some areas
- Identify, analyse and evaluate information from a variety of sources
- Take responsibility for own outputs in relation to specified quality standards
- Take limited responsibility for the quantity and quality of the output of others

ACTIVITIES/TASKS

Delivery is via weekly practical, theory and workshop sessions. Units of competency (UOCs) are clustered and embedded within the NCAT Folio Preparation course subjects and are delivered over the course of the full year. Activities are based on the submission of Job Briefs of set workplace tasks or projects, participation in-group discussions, and a final presentation on the implementation and outcomes of specified projects. As well as completing individual job briefs, participants must attend & participate in: practical workshops, tests, demonstrations, lectures, presentations, excursions, exhibition/gallery visits, the creation of an online blog/website/portfolio, oral presentations, "mock" interviews, self-evaluation exercises, podcasts, online tuition, questionnaires & surveys.

ASSESSMENT

Learning and assessment is integrated, with assessment evidence being collected and feedback provided to the student on an ongoing basis. Structured core and elective subjects cover a variety of contexts using a range of strategies to meet different learner needs. These include: group-based, work-based, project-based, self-paced, action learning-based; e-learning; and involve practice and experience in a simulated work environment. The Job Briefs for each subject outline tasks to be completed, the competencies to be demonstrated and the practical outcomes to be produced. Units of Competency are clustered in the NCAT Folio Preparation course subjects and are delivered over the course of the full year. The units of competency are selected to provide students with a folio that demonstrates the building of acquired skills and the development of a specialised portfolio.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no prerequisites for the units of competency delivered in this program however it is recommended that people entering this qualification either possess CUA30715 Certificate III in Design Fundamentals or possess some creative and design skills. However, satisfactory completion of VCE or VCAL Senior, with demonstrated interest in the design related subject areas is required to gain entry into the NCAT Folio Preparation Program. Candidates must complete an application form and attend an interview to demonstrate their interest in the area.

COURSE CONTENTS

To receive the CUA40715 Certificate IV in Design students must successfully complete seven core and eight elective units.

CORE UNITS (7 units)

- BSBCRT301 Develop and extend critical and creative thinking skills (40 hours)
- BSBDES305 Source and apply information on the history and theory of design (65 hours)
- BSBDES401 Generate design solutions (60 hours)
- BSBDES402 Interpret and respond to a design brief (20 hours)
- BSBWHS201 Contribute to health and safety of self and others (20 hours)
- CUAACD401 Integrate colour theory and design processes (30 hours)
- CUAPPR401 Realise a creative project (60 hours)

ELECTIVE UNITS (Complete 8 elective units)

- BSBIPR401 Use and respect copyright (50 hours)
- BSBDES403 Develop and extend design skills and practice (30 hours)
- CUAACD301 Produce drawings to communicate ideas (80 hours)
- CUADRA401 Experiment with techniques to produce drawings (50 hours)
- CUAIND401 Extend expertise in specialist creative fields (45 hours)
- CUAPHI403 Enhance, manipulate and output photo images (80 hours)
- *Elective units from other packages (not on elective list):
- *CUAIND304A Plan a career in the creative arts industry (35 hours)
- *CUAPPR403 Store and maintain finished work (30 hours)

PATHWAYS

Post VCE/VCAL Senior students & mature age students seeking a career change use the Certificate IV in Design as a pathway to a career in Design. The Certificate IV in Design provides a pathway to further study at a TAFE and/or Higher Education Design programs at university level across a broad range of design disciplines. It can also lead directly to employment opportunities such as a junior design assistant.

Pathways into the qualification:

It is highly recommended that people undertaking this qualification possess some relevant art or design skills and knowledge prior to entry. This could be demonstrated through skills in drawing or particular art techniques.

Pathways from the qualification:

This qualification prepares people for skilled work at a pre-professional level and for learning at higher levels, in particular through design qualifications at Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Degree levels.

COURSE FEES

There are no course fees. A materials charge \$800 (\$750 with concession) covers materials & equipment.

LENGTH OF THE COURSE

This is a one year program, which is delivered over a period of 35 weeks. Students attend for six hours per day for three days a week in a studio | classroom situation & a further four hours, one day per week in a tutorial | studio setting. This allows time for the development of the underpinning skills and the preparation of a portfolio of practical work.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

Application is via a formal application form & interview. Prospective students must demonstrate an interest in and capacity for design practices. Phone the college on Tel 9478 1333 for an appointment. Enrolment is held at the college. Literacy, language & numeracy are tested on enrolment to establish individual needs.

Please note

For details regarding Access, Equity, Privacy Policy, Refunds Policy, Student Conduct, Welfare Services and Complaints Policy please see the NCAT General & VET Student Handbook

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