

Vocational



**Level 3**  
National Diploma in  
Art and Design Practice

NELSON & COLNE  
COLLEGE

SIXTH FORM

**DURATION**

2 YEARS

**STUDY TYPE**

FULL-TIME

**START DATE**

SEPTEMBER 2020

**VOCATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 4 or above.

**Description**

This exciting and challenging programme is designed to allow you the opportunity to build the practical skills and abilities you will need for a successful ongoing career in the world of art and design. Focused on developing your practical skills and abilities, the course offers you the chance to learn a broad range of art and design processes. You will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience through the completion of subject specific work placements.

This will include visual recording and communication, contextual studies within art, textiles, graphics, fine art, photography and developing a professional portfolio. Some units will be externally assessed via a set brief and some will be internally assessed through portfolio work.

**What you learn:**

- A wide range of practical art processes and techniques across the photography, textiles, graphic design and fine art specialisms
- How to build effective sketchbooks to document your working practices and showcase your final pieces
- How to effectively explore and develop ideas and concepts within your work and that of others
- The basics of contextual and historical studies, used to explore a wide range of art and design works from a range of time-periods, cultures and practitioners
- Advanced technical skills such as life drawing, darkroom photography, machine embroidery and digital image manipulation
- Key skills for working and progressing within the art and design world including portfolio building, mock interviews and guidance through application to Higher Education or employment

**How you will be assessed:**

You will be assessed through a range of assessment methods including external, internal and synoptic. The external assessment counts for approximately 40% of the final grade and these assessments are set and marked by the awarding body. The internal assessments will be graded via a series of assignment and portfolio work set by the tutor. The synoptic assessment gives learners an opportunity to independently select and apply learning from across their programmes in the completion of a vocational task.

**Further Information:** You will present all your final year work to VIPs and industry professionals in a fabulous End of Year Show. You will also be invited to meet with professionals in creative industries to explore different job roles. Students are asked to pay a consumable fee that will provide them with various art materials and trips on the course. Costs will be confirmed at interview/enrolment. Trips and visits include The Liverpool Tate and Walker Gallery, Manchester Art Galleries, The Stitch and Knit show in Harrogate, Media Museum and Impressions Gallery in Bradford, Harry Potter Studios in London, and a residential visit to London.