



Purpose statement

**NCFE CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Art and
Design
QN: 601/0677/3**

Qualification overview

The aim of this qualification is to provide you with underpinning knowledge and develop your skills in art and design techniques.

You'll explore ideas, techniques and use of visual language in a chosen art and design medium. You'll develop your knowledge and understanding of the design process and apply this to an art project. This qualification also provides you with the opportunity for personal development and a basis for further study.

You'll learn how to use raw materials, tools, and equipment competently; you'll research and experiment with techniques, materials, and tools to develop ideas for experimental pieces; you'll develop your ideas, produce, and evaluate a finished product.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is ideal for you if you're looking to develop your understanding of art and design concepts and materials.

Age restrictions

This qualification is suitable for learners aged pre-16 and above.

Entry requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification. You may find it helpful if you have already achieved an Entry Level 3 qualification.

Qualification content

This qualification gives you the opportunity to research materials, tools and techniques, and apply your learning to a sample piece to help you develop your skills and understanding. You'll undertake an art and design project in which you can choose to use a single technique or media, or a combination, to complete your project brief.

To support the development of the necessary knowledge and skills you'll complete these mandatory units:

- Unit 01 Experiment with art and design ideas and techniques (3 credits)
- Unit 02 Complete a final art and design project (5 credits)

You'll need to choose 2 units from the 4 optional units available. The optional units allow you to gain an insight into working in the industry, building a portfolio of your work, and 2D and 3D visual communication.

Please see the 'Unit breakdown' tab on the qualification page on the NCFE website which lists the optional units available.

What type of qualification is this?

This is a vocational qualification with 130 guided learning hours. During this time you can expect to be involved in formal learning activities, which could include classes, tutorials and practical workshops where you'll develop your skills and knowledge in art and design.

100 per cent of the qualification focuses on the development of your skills and knowledge, to support your progression to the next level of vocational learning in the creative art and design sector.

This is not an Apprenticeship qualification.

Progression opportunities

This qualification will provide you with the skills, knowledge and understanding of art and design to support your progression into the industry.

If you'd like to build on this qualification and progress to the next level of vocational learning, the following qualifications are available:

- NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Art and Design (500/8988/2)
- NCFE Level 2 Award in Creative Craft (Art and Design) (601/3361/2/ART)
- Level 2 Certificate in Working in the Creative Crafts Industry
- Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Working in Creative Media
- Level 2 Certificate in Art, Design and Creative Studies

This qualification helps you to develop your skills and understanding for a variety of roles in the sector, including:

- junior roles in animation
- ceramics design
- community arts
- fashion
- fine art
- glass
- graphic design
- product design
- jewellery
- make-up
- textile design
- web design.

Similar qualifications

We also offer these similar qualifications at Level 1:

- NCFE Level 1 Award in Creative Craft using Art and Design (500/5959/21/ART)

These qualifications use more of a craft focus with art and design options. They don't cover the use of visual language or explore the underpinning knowledge of art and design concepts.

The NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Art and Design will provide you with the necessary depth of underpinning knowledge and skills designed to support and develop you in this area, and provide a basis for progression to further learning in the creative arts and design sector.

Support for this qualification

The qualification is supported by colleges and training providers offering creative arts and design provision.

For further information about these colleges and training providers please contact NCFE on 0191 239 8000 or email us at customersupport@ncfe.org.uk.