

## NC Art & Design *(Level 6)*

Full-time

### Where will I study?

Course code	Location	Duration
CAOAD	Aberdeen City Campus	1 Year
CCOAD	Fraserburgh Campus	1 Year

### Welcome from Director of Curriculum

As the current Director of Curriculum, I would like to welcome you to the School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise at North East Scotland College. This school encompasses the Creative Arts, Music, Drama, Media, ESOL, Business Enterprise and Computing and IT subjects – all of which offer interesting and exciting opportunities for students to progress and achieve success in their future careers.

Through work with external clients and experienced, knowledgeable teaching teams, our students will benefit from industry-focused, high quality learning. This means that on completion of your course, you are confident and capable when it comes to entering the workplace, or progressing towards further study. We pride ourselves in offering educational opportunities for all, whether you are starting at introductory level or joining one of our advanced courses. On behalf of the entire teaching team, we are delighted to have you join – or consider joining – one of our courses.

**Susan Betty, Director of Curriculum for Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise**

### Introduction to the course

This course is primarily aimed at those who want to build a portfolio, and will allow you to experiment with different designs and approaches whilst developing key practical skills. The course will increase your understanding of contemporary art and design and prepare you for advancing towards further study at College or university.

### Entry requirements

Applicants should have relevant knowledge and skills. A qualification in Art & Design at National 5, Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade Credit level (at least) is recommended. An English qualification at this level is also preferred, but at the very least applicants should have achieved Core Skills Communication at SCQF Level 5.

### What subjects will I be studying?

You will learn about life drawing, analytical drawing and exploratory media handling. You will also develop strong painting skills, learn about the use of colour in your work, and explore other key aspects of art and design such as contextual studies and digital media.

Subjects include:

- Drawing skills (life, analytical etc)
- Colour
- Exploratory Media Handling
- Digital Media Painting skills
- Contextual Studies

## Assessment methods

On this course you will be assessed continually, throughout the year. You will review, discuss and present work to teaching staff and peers, and also conduct a self-evaluation. At the end of the teaching block you will take part in a summative assessment, which involves presenting your work to a staff panel.

## Dress code

Students should dress appropriately for practical, hands-on work, as you will be working in a creative environment and using a range of different materials and equipment.

## Equipment

You must supply your own portfolio case and materials. A list of suggested materials will be sent to you before the start of the course.

## Course progression

On successful completion of this course, you could progress to the HNC Art & Design course.

## University links

North East Scotland College has links with a wide range of universities from across Scotland. Every one of our HND level courses has articulation opportunities where you can progress from your chosen course to a related university degree. This is an excellent option for those who may want to come to College at an introductory level, and then work their way towards degree level study.

[Find out more about our associate universities in the University Links section of the NESCol website.](#)

## University progression

If you choose to complete an HNC or HND course after completing your NC, you may want to then consider moving on to a university degree. Depending on the university and the course, you could enter in to year 2 or year 3 of a related course.

## Useful information

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**Faculty:** Creative Industries

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## Guidance and Support

### Guidance

You will be assigned a Guidance Tutor when you are enrolled on the course. They will act as your primary contact should you have any issues, personal or involving your course, whilst at North East Scotland College. They will support you for the duration of your course along with relevant teaching staff. For assignments and assessments you will be provided with detailed feedback where possible, allowing you to pinpoint areas of good performance and areas that may need improvement - essential for your educational development.

[View our Guidance Tutor contact information.](#)

### Support

Our Student Services team are dedicated to helping all students with a range of factors that might affect your time at College. They can help you with funding queries, careers advice, learning support and more!

[Visit the Support section of our website for more information](#)

## Learning Resources

The College has a number of excellent learning resources available to assist and support the delivery of our classes across full-time, part-time and distance learning courses. They aim to enhance the quality of your learning experience.

[Find out more about NESCol learning resources](#)

## Library+

Our Library+ sites – at the Aberdeen City, Aberdeen Altens and Fraserburgh Campuses – provide all students with access to books, journals, newspapers, core skills materials and more! You'll also find laptop friendly areas, private study/research booths and printers, scanners and photocopiers.

[Find out more about what our Library+ services can offer](#)

## College calendar

Have a look at our [College Calendar](#) for further information on key dates throughout the year.

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