

Extended Diploma in Fashion and Textiles

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 3 | **Campus: Stafford** | **Subject Type: Creative Arts, Film & Media**

Course Overview:

This course offers a fascinating insight and pathway into the exciting and ever-changing world of fashion. Whether you're passionate about design, textiles, or the ever-evolving trends of the industry, this course offers a fascinating journey of exploration and creativity.

Dive into the world of fashion and develop your skills through stimulating and demanding study. With hands-on projects and expert guidance, you'll have the opportunity to explore, experiment and push the boundaries of your creativity, preparing you for a rewarding career in the exciting field of fashion and textiles.

What's Covered:

During the course, you will experiment with a wide variety of new materials allowing you to build your technical skills whilst developing your critical and contextual research skills.

You will collaborate with others to generate innovative ideas and concepts for fashion and will learn about the influences in fashion design, fashion promotion, styling, textiles, communication and trends. You will also explore some elements of garment construction and will produce a portfolio of creative and technical skills that will showcase everything you need for a direct application to Higher Education, an apprenticeship or employment.

In addition to developing your creativity towards design, you will also learn a range of disciplines such as model-making, illustration and graphic design. Drawing and creativity are central to your study in the fashion and textile design and so you will also be introduced to relevant software to support you in your future career.

In recent years, the fashion and textiles industries have come under scrutiny for their destructive environmental, ethical and moral impacts on the world. Consumers, as well as brands, are now more conscious of sustainability in fashion so this course will embed the ethics of responsible fashion, as well as challenging new ideas and concepts for this exciting and progressive industry.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of four or more high grades at GCSE in subjects relevant to the course you'd like to study, including maths and/or English Language at grade 4 or above. You will also need a GCSE grade 4 or above in an Art-related subject and/or a good portfolio.

Assessment Information:

This is a hands on, practical qualification and you will be assessed throughout the programme at key assessment points. This will involve research, sketchbook study, practical work, design and drawing sheets, presentations and contextual studies. All assessments will be graded Pass, Merit or Distinction. The 4 coursework units are internally assessed and may be externally moderated.

100%

pass rate

94.7%

achieved DDD+ in 2026

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):
Anyone with a gross household income under £35,000 can receive financial support to cover college related costs such as transport, meals, course equipment and uniform. Bursary support is based on individual circumstances and will be allocated to best suit your individual needs. A range of other financial support is available depending on your personal circumstances. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

Progression:

On successful completion of the course you will be able to progress on to a variety of Higher Education courses including Fashion Design, Fashion Promotion, Fashion Styling Fashion Buying, Fashion buying with retail, Fashion business, Fashion Media and Marketing, Fashion with Textiles, Textiles, Fashion Styling, Fashion Marketing, Fashion Communication, Fashion Journalism, and many more.

How do I find out more?

If you wish to find out more you can contact Tracey Reynolds, Course Leader by emailing: tracey.reynolds@nscg.ac.uk