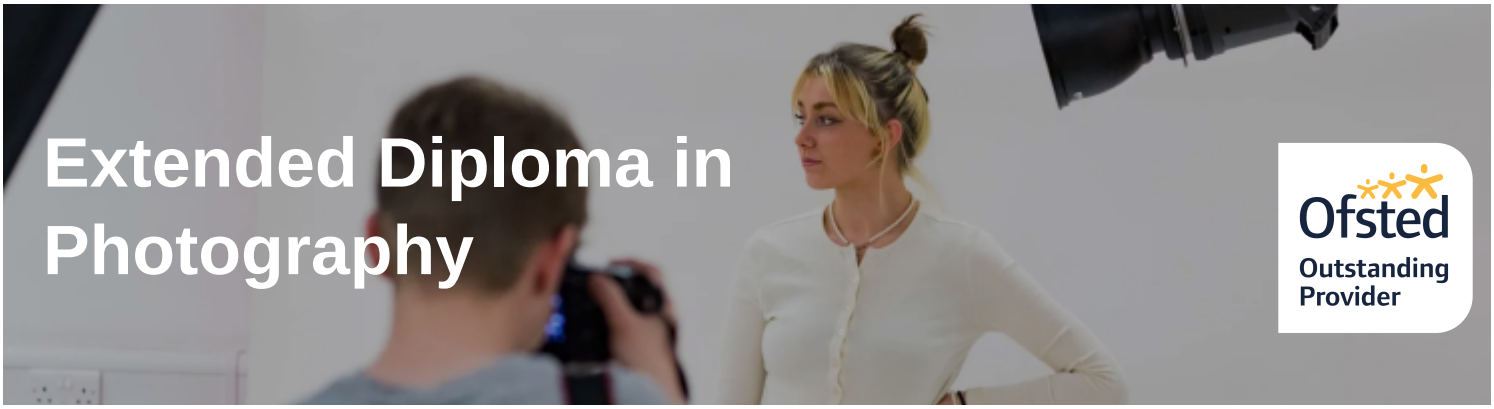

Extended Diploma in Photography

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

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

Course Overview:

Tailored for those who wish to pursue a career within the Photography or Digital Media areas of the Creative Industries. Developing your skills in composition, lighting, and post-production while working on a wide array of projects.

This course is ideal if you are interested in making and communicating through images and want to develop your skills in photography and image editing.

What's Covered:

Experienced lecturers, who are also practitioners will teach you, and the course will give you a broad practical overview of various photographic genres and diverse areas of work. These will include studio and location image making and image editing. You will prepare work for print and digital use, for display online, in books and exhibitions. Taught sessions will give you opportunity to use studio and workshop facilities, and to enjoy a wide variety of learning experiences such as lectures, guest speakers, workshops, trips, active learning, and personal research. You will become proficient in the use of industry standard Adobe software, including Bridge, InDesign, and Photoshop. Opportunities to learn Illustrator and Premiere Pro will also be provided.

Alongside this you will also work to build your knowledge of the theoretical aspects of Photography and visual communication, developing the knowledge, skills, and techniques required to make your photographs communicate your ideas effectively to others.

During the 2nd year of the course, you will work to build a body of work which will aid your progression on the next stage of your photographic career. This will involve the development of a professional portfolio of your work to demonstrate your skills, interests, and experience in photography, which will be vital for entry into university, application for paid employment and attracting clients in a freelance capacity.

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 portfolio of images to discuss with us at your interview.

Assessment Information:

This is a hands on, practical qualification and you will be assessed throughout the programme at key assessment points. This may involve research, practical work, design and storyboards, digital presentations and contextual studies notes and reports. All assessments will be graded Pass, Merit or Distinction.

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

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Progression:

Often our graduating students continue in education, either at university in high profile photographic and media-based course at institutions such as, Falmouth, Ravensbourne, London College of Communication, Nottingham Trent, Derby, and Bristol. Many of our students also take up our internal progression offer, staying with us to study for a HNC / HND in Digital Content Creation (at levels 4 and 5.) Past student have gone on to take up employment in roles including Freelance photographer, Wedding photographer, Studio photographer, Advertising and Packaging designer, Lead picture editor, Photojournalist, Content creator, content marketer and, fashion stylist, Photobook Publisher and exhibiting photographer

How do I find out more?

If you wish to find out more you can contact Maddie Hughes, Course Leader, by emailing: maddie.hughes@nscg.ac.uk

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