

Certificate in Fashion Design (Level 5)

Course overview and outline

Explore a comprehensive introduction to fashion design, covering key topics such as the primary principles and elements of design, dress designing essentials, how to work with colours, patterns and textures, an overview of the effective design process, fashion sketching, sewing skills, how to run a fashion design business and so much more besides. Enhance your employment prospects for life, or take that first important step towards building and running your own fashion design business!

Ever dreamed of transforming your passion for fashion into a rewarding career for life? Worldwide, millions of keen amateurs share this very dream. Nevertheless, comparatively few succeed in taking that all-important step from ambitious amateur to established professional. The difference often lying in their commitment to making it happen. In order to succeed as a fashion designer, you need to understand both the industry *and* the profession at the deepest possible level. If ready to break into this incredible industry and carve out a rewarding career for life, now's the time to get serious!

Our exclusive Fashion Design, level 5 Course is perfect for anyone looking to take their skills, talents and confidence to a much higher level. For anyone interested in transforming their passion for fashion into a rewarding career for life, this accredited course comes highly recommended. Discover what makes the difference between amateur hobbyist and professional fashion designer and there's no telling where your career may take you!

Course Outline

This intensive yet accessible Fashion Design Course is delivered across eleven modules – each concluding with an online assessment to verify your acquired knowledge and competencies.

Learning Objectives

Our introductory Level 5 Fashion Design Course has been designed to lay a strong foundation upon which to begin building a rewarding career in fashion design. Created by leading academics in conjunction with seasoned industry veterans, candidates are guided through the core skills, talents and techniques every fashion designer must master. Whether you've been designing as a hobbyist for years or have yet to pick up your first needle, this entry-level course comes highly recommended.

Over the course of eleven informative modules, learners are introduced to the contemporary design industry and its recent evolution. The concept of the fashion cycle is explored in-depth, along with the basics of fashion forecasting, the most important elements and principles of design, material selection, working with colour, the basics of dress design and an introduction to essential sewing skills.

Upon successful completion of this course, candidates benefit from a variety of industry-specific skills, talents and knowledge including:

- A detailed understanding of the contemporary fashion industry
- How to work with the most important elements and principles of design
- Advanced understanding of colours in fashion design
- Important fashion forecasting skills
- Improved sewing skills for practical application
- The confidence to pursue a career in fashion design

Career path

Upon successful completion of Fashion Design course, candidates may choose to continue their studies at a more advanced diploma, or pursue an extensive range of careers including:

- Graphic-Designer
- Head of Design
- Junior Buyer
- Junior Designer
- Junior Stylist
- Knitwear Designer

Course syllabus

Unit 1- Introduction to fashion designing

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- Key Terms of Fashion Design
- Chic
- Collection
- Fashion shows
- Classification of Fashion
- Key Areas in Fashion Forecasting
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- Fashion Cycles
- Consumer Identification with Fashion Cycles
- Plus more

Unit 2- Designing elements

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- Introduction to Design
- Elements of Design
- Application of Line in Garments
- Types of Design
- Plus more

Unit 3- Principles: Fashion Design

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- Balance
- Emphasis
- Harmony / Unity
- Proportion or Scale
- Rhythm (Repetition)
- Plus more

Unit 4- Basic rules for Dress Designing

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- Choice of Material
- Choice of Colour
- Choosing the Design or Structure
- Decoration
- Unusual Figures
- Plus more

Unit 5- Fashion Design: Colour & Dress Designing

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- The Prang Colour System
- Dimensions of Colour
- Intensity
- Colour Harmonies
- Application of Colour on Fashion Figure
- Basic Principles of Colour in Design
- Application of Colour on Dress Designing
- Plus more

Unit 6- Fashion Illustration

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- Materials for Sketching
- Portions of the Human Figure
- Fashion Sketches - Head and Face
- The Arms and Hands
- The Feet and Legs
- Dressing the Figure
- Dressing the Fashion Figure (Step – by - Step)

Unit 7- Working with design patterns

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- Types of Paper Patterns
- Principles of Pattern Drafting and Pattern Details
- Getting to Know the Fabric
- Understanding Grain
- Darts
- Manual Grading
- Placing the Pattern Pieces on Grain
- Pinning and Cutting Out the Pieces

Unit 8- Basics of sewing (1)

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- Importance of Body Measurements
- Boys And Men's Measurements
- Standardizing Body Measurements
- Steps in Preparing the Fabric for Cutting

Unit 9- Basics of sewing (2)

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- Stitches, Seams and Seam Finishes
- Hand Sewing Techniques
- Seam Finishes
- Fullness
- Tucks
- Pleats
- Gathers
- Smocking
- Frills or Ruffles
- Buttons

Fashion Design Unit 10 - Creativity and Innovation in Business

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- The Role of Creativity and Innovation in Business
- Creative Thinking Methods
- Decision Making
- Eight Essentials to Defining a Problem

Fashion Design: Unit 11 - Individual and Group Techniques for Creativity

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- The RAP Model
- Understanding Mind Mapping
- Creating a Mind Map
- Metaphors and Analogies
- The Nine Intelligences

Fashion Design: Unit 12 : Encouraging Creativity in a Team

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- Brainstorming
- The Stepladder Technique
- The Slip Writing Technique

Unit 13 - Stages in the Design process

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- How Designers Work
- Basic Requirements of a Designer
- Theme Based - Designing Fashion Illustrations

Unit 14 - Fashion Entrepreneur: Starting Your Own Fashion Business

This Fashion Design unit covers the following key topics:

- Financing for the Manufacturer
- Purchasing of Piece Goods
- Trimmings
- Piece Goods Inspection
- Planning and Direction
- Fashion Advertising
- Special Events
- Fashion Shows
- The Fashion Office
- Visual Presentation
- Window Displays
- Interior Displays
- Evaluation