

PART-TIME DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN - NFQL 7

CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION IN ART AND DESIGN, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION,

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Introduction

The Diploma programme offers an opportunity for mature students interested in establishing a personal direction in an art and design practice to attend a flexible programme leading to a Diploma in Art and Design. Students who have completed a Certificate programme with CEAD (such as; DVI, PDI or VAP), are eligible to apply to the Diploma. Students who successfully achieve the learning outcomes of the Diploma modules will have accumulated 70 ects credits and are eligible to apply as advanced entry to an undergraduate degree programme at NCAD or another college of art and design. The part-time Diploma is a minor award within the NFQ. Students applying to the Diploma course should submit a portfolio.

The Diploma in Art and Design provides an intensive learning experience over a 30 week period. The programme is suited to applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to expanding their visual vocabulary, through experimentation and analysis of visual material. Through a series of practical projects, workshops and seminars, students will explore and manipulate a range of materials and acquire technical skills applicable to studio practice. Students will be encouraged to work as part of a group, and develop their ability to manage and direct their learning outside of tutor contact time. During the course students will be encouraged to work across disciplines, though in the latter part of the course, they will establish a direction in relation to the development of an art/design practice, focusing on a discipline specific pathway. A lecture and seminar programme in visual culture and complementary studies is integrated with the studio programme to provide a theoretical and contextual framework for students.

The Diploma involves studio practice and history of art & design/contextual studies. Students will spend 80% of their course contact time involved in studio based work and 20% of course time is allocated to visual culture, and contextual studies.

The Diploma involves: studio based learning, peer learning, lectures, seminars, and self-directed learning amounting to an annual total learning effort of 1200 hours (approximately). The course will be taught in the evenings, occasional Saturdays, and for one block during the Easter.

Programme Aims

The purpose of the programme is to foster individual creativity, encourage experimentation and inventiveness, through studio based projects, workshop practice and an integrated approach to history of art and visual culture. Students will be encouraged to develop analytical skills and to reflect on the processes they are engaged in when generating ideas, and problem solving. Resolution of ideas and progressing practical work will be supported through tutor guidance. Students will be encouraged to work within deadlines as part of establishing a professional practice in art and design. Investigation and inquiry is central to the course; students will be encouraged to explore the boundaries between disciplines and to consider an inter-disciplinary approach to studio work.

Programme modules

- Materials and Media; Visual Research Methods, Visual Investigation, Workshops 2d/3d,
- Electives, (Print, Media)
- Multi-disciplinary art & discipline Development
- Visual Culture 1 & 2

Assessment

Assessment will be formative and summative. As part of the course requirements, students' present/display project work for studio tutors and their peers for review/assessment at the end of each module. Tutors provide formal and informal feedback to students on their progress. Students present two written assignments in visual culture.

Entry Requirements

Students applying to this course should be 23 years or over, have a Leaving Certificate or equivalent, submit a portfolio in response to a brief and an application form also students should have completed a CEAD Certificate course or QQ1 L6 equivalent. Applicants are required to demonstrate a commitment to the development of an art and design practice and be willing to engage in a programme involving investigation and experimentation.

Who is this Programme for?

Typically students applying to the diploma course show an interest in and commitment to developing a professional practice in art and design. Previous experience of art and design is required, either through attending short courses in Continuing Education at NCAD or similar further education courses. Students participating in the Diploma course will be encouraged to challenge traditional views of art and design and engage in a process of experimentation with the view to developing a direction for their practice. The course is intensive and delivered in a flexible manner, students engage in workshops, seminars, class crits and presentations.

Programme Duration

The part-time Diploma in Art and Design commences in mid-September and concludes in May. Typically students attend for a minimum 6 hours per week. The course includes; evening attendance, weekend sessions and daytime blocks at Easter and in May.

Programme staff:

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