

Experience the vibrant world of fashion

The vibrant fashion industry is the epitome of our material world and holds a mystique that appeals to creative and innovative thinkers who are inspired to design garments using an array of fabrics, colours, shapes and styling ideas.

In 2010 the South West Regional College of TAFE will be offering two full time and part time training courses, the Certificate II and Certificate IV in Applied Fashion Design and Technology, that will enable students to gain the practical skills and knowledge to research current fashion trends and communicate their ideas from the initial stages of using visual diaries and story boards through to the final presentation of their garments on the catwalk.

Personal attributes that will enhance your chances of success in this industry include:

- Good hand-eye coordination
- Creative flair
- Sense of colour and aesthetic design
- Ability to work under pressure

Open to students of all ages, the qualifications offer you the opportunity to learn about basic patternmaking, garment construction and fitting, fabric characteristics and performance, colour theory, trade drawings and sewn products. Successful completion of the Certificate IV in Fashion Design and Technology will enable participants to seek employment as a member of a production team assisting with the design, making of patterns and construction of fashion garments.

You will also learn skills that will enable you to use relevant software, prepare product costing and draw and interpret sketches.

Apart from this industry specific expertise, the qualifications also offer students the opportunity to gain a raft of transferable employability skills including problem solving, team work, initiative and enterprise, planning and organisational skills as well as self management and the capacity to interface with technology as well as customers and colleagues. These fundamental skills will not only augment the development of a portfolio for the fashion industry but will also put students interested in going into the retail industry, our largest employment sector, one step ahead. This qualification will give students a background in clothing that will enable them to confidently work specifically in fashion retail whether it is starting your own boutique or working for a company.

Applications for second round full time study in 2010 should be lodged by 15 January.

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