

CERAMICS MASTERCLASSES

Subject Area

Art & Design, Fashion
& Creative Crafts

Student Type

Adults

Study Mode

Part Time

What is the course about?

This highly practical course is aimed at those with considerable prior experience, knowledge and skills in ceramics and wish to take their skills to the next level. Highly specialist workshops will allow students to refine their skillset, preparing them for entry into the ceramics industries or onto higher education.

The course will be delivered as a series of masterclasses. The workshops will have a set focus, with potential topics including mould making/ glass/ specialist glazing/ throwing/ paper clay/ kiln technology etc. Contents will be agreed through negotiation between lecturer and students, creating a highly tailored and bespoke programme of learning.

Why should I choose the course?

The course is delivered by our highly experienced ceramics lecturer, who has a wealth of industry experience as a Ceramic Designer and professional ceramic thrower, supported by considerable recent teaching experience. The course is highly tailored to the individual, preparing students for the transition to independent working within their own ceramic studio environment or for progression onto higher education.

What will I learn?

Learners will develop an increasingly independent approach, working on advanced and highly specialised aspects of Ceramics. Workshops will be agreed between lecturer and students, with potential contents covering including;

- mould making
- glass
- specialist glazing
- throwing
- paper clay
- kiln technology

What will the course lead on to?

This highly practical course will allow students to develop advanced specialist skills in ceramics, preparing them for transition to independent working as a ceramic maker. It will also prepare students better for a move into higher education.



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Are there any links with industry and university?

Our ceramics lecturer is still working as a professional thrower and creates one off pieces which moulds are then taken from. Factories then use these moulds to produce both batch and mass produced slip cast ceramic pieces which are then sold internationally to the mass public.

Students will further benefit from the support of artists in residence who are practicing artists in their own right. They will be working alongside students within the studio, passing on helpful tips and providing an enhanced, and professionally conducive work environment.

What support is available?

We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if required, as well as a Welfare Team that is on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed. Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college.

Click here for learning support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support>

Click here for finance support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

We have first class ceramic facilities including two spacious ceramic studios, gas, electric and raku kilns, glass kiln, fully equipped glaze room with wet back sprayer, well stocked materials and hand tools offering the opportunity to experiment with a range of clays such as stoneware, earthenware and porcelain. The course is delivered by a highly experienced ceramics lecturer, who brings over 35 years of industry experience to the course.

What are the entry requirements?

A portfolio of recent ceramic work to demonstrate practical ability in ceramics. This is not a beginner's course, it is geared up at those who have considerable prior ceramics skills, knowledge and experience.

Typically students will have completed our Level 1/ 2 and 3 NCFE Ceramics courses or they will have considerable ceramics experiences from elsewhere.

Are there any additional costs associated with the course?


There are no additional costs associated with this course.



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