

LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE CREATIVE CRAFT - CERAMICS

Subject Area

Student Type

Study Mode

Art & Design, Fashion & Creative Crafts

Adults

Part Time

What is the course about?

This level 3 course involves building on creative experience and is centred entirely on developing skills and competence in a variety of specialist ceramic projects including hand building, coiling, throwing, casting, glazing and firing, and using gas and electric kilns. By the end of the course, you will have the confidence and skills required to work independently as a designer/maker of ceramics. You will also develop the necessary qualifications and experience to progress onto the HND Applied Arts Ceramics course at Warrington & Vale Royal College or external providers of HNDs/degree level courses.

Why should I choose the course?

This course is a natural progression from the level 1 and 2 ceramics courses and provides you with the opportunity to extend your experience within ceramics by building on existing skills and knowledge. At the end of the course, you will be sufficiently skilled to work independently as a designer/maker within ceramics, or to continue with your studies to a higher level.

What will I learn?

The course is delivered as a hands-on experience, working directly in clay across a comprehensive range of disciplines within ceramics. This will involve the full range of materials and equipment associated with ceramics. Students will develop skills in preparation, handling, research, design, making, and health & safety. The course is workshop-based and is highly practical, with regular one-to-one support. Throughout the course you will use industry-standard equipment, learning how to glaze, fire, and manage yourself independently.

What will the course lead on to?

Upon completion, you will have the required skills to continue working independently as a designer/maker within ceramics, or to continue with your studies to a higher level either within the college or with an external provider. The college offers a HNC Level 4 Applied Arts course, which provides a highly suitable progression route.

Are there any links with industry and university?

There are strong links with industry through our artist in residence programme, which involves professional artists working alongside our students and sharing their experience and skills. Educational day trips to galleries and exhibitions are organised as part of the course to keep abreast of ceramic trends and developments. These trips also enable you to carry out artist research, which reinforces an awareness of the diverse nature of the medium and helps with idea generation.



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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?

Warrington & Vale Royal College has professional standard ceramic studios which contain the necessary equipment, machinery, and materials to teach ceramics to a high level. The college's tutors have a great deal of passion for art as well as valuable industry experience. The aim of the ceramic department is to provide students with the opportunity to cover the full range of diverse activities, skills, and techniques within ceramics. Learning is conducted in a creative, inclusive, and friendly environment, where ideas are shared and enthusiasm encouraged.

What are the entry requirements?

The course is aimed primarily at those who are progressing from the level 1 and level 2 ceramics courses. However, there is an option to progress directly onto the level 3 course for applicants with considerable past experience of art and design/ceramics. If this is the case, applicants will be required to show a portfolio or sketchbook of artwork, where the necessary creative experience can be established to allow progression on to this level 3 course.

Are there any additional costs associated with the course?


Students will be required to make an £80 materials contribution towards the cost of the ceramic materials used on the course. All other necessary equipment is provided as part of the course, although students are encouraged to build up their own personal hand tools for making. Advice and guidance on personal hand tools will be provided once the course starts.



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