

Art and Design Foundation Studies

Program Code: 6409

Program Length: 1 year/2 semesters

Credential: Ontario College Certificate

Start: Fall, Winter

Campus: The Centre for

Creative Communications

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Program Overview

Art and Design Foundation Studies is an accelerated visual art fundamentals program that will allow you to nurture your artistic talents and build new creative and practical skills. Established in 1974, this program is a unique blend of traditional and digital art that will prepare you with the critical basics for a career in art and design, animation and game design.

In this program you will:

- build your portfolio and be prepared for more specialized programs in Digital Animation, Interactive Digital Media, Fine Arts Studio, Game Design and Development or Graphic Design Media
- study a wide range of courses from traditional approaches in drawing, life drawing and three-dimensional design, to introductory courses in digital imaging, animation and digital design
- develop a familiarity with digital media complemented with a practical understanding of drawing, colour theory and 3D art and design
- develop your creative and practical skills in the studio.

TESTIMONIALS

“I am very pleased with my decision to attend Centennial College for Art & Design Foundation Studies program. The courses allowed me to explore art in many different aspects and provided me with the necessary tools and skills I needed to further my education. The teachers were always helpful and made time for the students. Upon completion of the program, I was accepted to Graphic Design – Media program at Centennial College.”

Carrie Fong, ADFS 2008-09

“Enrolling in the Arts and Design Foundations Program at Centennial College was the best gift I could have given myself. I had worked as a professional photographer for many years and wanted to expand my art experiences and theory. This program gave me hands-on exposure to all forms and levels of visual art, and there was step-by-step encouragement and support from the staff and faculty throughout. The guidance in creating an exciting new portfolio and career path were invaluable skills. The knowledge I’ve taken away with me has opened up new possibilities in my job choices.”

Carol Rooney, ADFS 2008-09

BENEFITS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- industry leaders have crafted the program and employers tell Centennial what skills are needed in the evolving workplace, which ensures that your education is current, practical and always hands-on
- you’ll create a comprehensive portfolio of artwork required for admission to specialized arts programs
- the program is broadly-based and includes traditional and digital media
- a dynamic working relationship between faculty and students is encouraged
- the renowned Centre for Creative Communications campus is located in Canada’s cultural and artistic centre and offers extensive facilities
- you’ll prepare for programs that require fundamental-level visual art education, such as programs at the Ontario College of Art and Design and community colleges
- an increasing number of agreements with other colleges provide Centennial graduates with greater access to specialized programs
- certificate that is earned reflects high standards of learning.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Centennial College expects students applying for admission to certificate or diploma programs to present at minimum an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent or be 19 years of age or older. Possession of minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- compulsory English 12C or U, or skills assessment or equivalent

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Semester 1

VISU-109	Digital Imaging*
VISU-111	Colour Studio*
VISU-114	Drawing 1*
VISU-116	Visual Design Fundamentals*
VISU-118	Portfolio Development*
VISU-127	Visual Culture*
COMM-160/161 or 170/171	College Communications 1 or 2

Semester 2

VISU-115	Digital Art & Design Studio*
VISU-117	Time-based Art & Design*
VISU-121	3D Art & Design Studio*
VISU-124	Drawing 2*
VISU-126	Professional Practice*
COMM-170	College Communications 2
GNED	General Education Elective

**minimum C grade required to pass*

Note: Students will be placed in the appropriate English level based on skills assessment results.

At A Glance

Qualified graduates may be eligible to participate in an articulated program with selected universities, institutes, and professional associations. These partnerships allow graduates to apply academic credit towards further study.

Our partners are:

- Athabasca University, Professional Arts degree (Communication Studies)
- Ryerson University (Image Arts)