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NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

LEVEL 3

IN

ART & DESIGN

National Certificate Level 3 in Art and Design

1. Level: 3
2. Credits: 135
3. Review date: June 2030

4. Access to qualification

4.1 Entry information

Form III or 9th Grade of the Nine Year Continuous Basic Education (NYCBE)

Or

National Certificate Level 2 in Art and Craft

Or

An alternative qualification at Level 2 of the NQF

4.2 Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Potential candidates holding at least 3 years of working experience in the relevant field may access this qualification through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process.

4.3 Award of qualification requirements

Unit No.	Unit Standard Title	Level	Credit
Concepts and Contexts			
01	Demonstrate knowledge of the art movements and ideas in art and design from different cultures and periods	3	4
Investigation in Art and Design			
02	Mount a physical and digital portfolio	3	4
03	Make presentations using a set of primary and secondary sourced information	3	4
Drawing and illustration			

04	Produce drawings through observation and imagination using a variety of lines, shapes, textures and volumes	3	5
05	Draw simple plans using ICT like PowerPoint	3	3
Colour and Painting			
06	Demonstrate understanding of colour contrasts and colour schemes	3	4
07	Demonstrate technical qualities in the application of paint using watercolor, gouache	3	5
Printmaking Techniques			
08	Apply the stenciling and silkscreen methods to create editions of artwork	3	4
09	Create stamps using basic relief printing methods to create stamps	3	3
Sculpture and Ceramic Techniques			
10	Make simple assemblages using collected objects	3	3
11	Apply slabbing, coiling, pinching and carving methods to create simple relief and 3D artefacts	3	4
Graphic Design			
12	Practice basic illustration techniques in Illustrator and Photoshop	3	4
13	Apply appropriate and proper prompts to AI bots to achieve the desired result	3	2
Textiles and Fashion			
14	Apply basic stitching skills	3	4
15	Demonstrate basic weaving and macrame techniques	3	5
16	Upcycle old clothes using applique techniques	3	3
Photography Skills			
17	Demonstrate knowledge of composing good photographs	3	4
18	Identify the various types of photography	3	2

Entrepreneurship			
19	Demonstrate basic understanding of selecting a project based on forecast	3	5
20	Mount a resource plan based on work breakdown	3	8
21	Mount a basic budget plan based on realistic cost estimates	3	6
Collaborative Learning			
22	Make proposals and presentations for artwork as a group	3	12
23	Produce works of art and design as a collaborative work	3	10
Creative Practices Project			
24	Develop proposals for artwork through properly sourced primary and secondary information	3	15
25	Produce creative artworks independently	3	12
Total Credits			135

5. Purpose:

The National Certificate Level 3 in Art & Design aims to provide learners with a holistic development in art studies, catering to its fine applied aspects to match industry-based needs. Learners completing the course can work as junior assistants, artists and designers, visual merchandising assistants, and arts and crafts assistants as well as benefiting from opportunities in freelancing.

This course also serves as a pathway corresponding to the National Certificate Level 3 and allows the learner access to further studies.

Holders of the National Certificate Level 3 in Art & Design can demonstrate basic operational knowledge, skills, and attributes of Art & Design in the areas or domains of: fine and digital arts and crafts, textiles and project management.

6. Qualification pathways :

Upon successful completion of the National Certificate Level 3 in Art and Design, learners can choose to enrol for the Level 3 Pearson BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design. The awarding body is also coming up with a new qualification - National Certificate Level 4 in Art & Design.