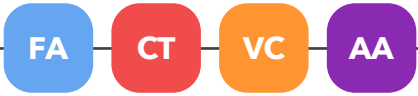


HIGHER CERTIFICATE QUALIFICATIONS



HIGHER CERTIFICATES ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS






In order to apply to complete a Higher Certificate, prospective students must provide one of the following:

- A National Senior Certificate (or Senior Certificate if obtained prior to 2008) with at least a 'Higher Certificate' pass; OR
- A National Certificate (Vocational) NC(V) Higher Certificate pass; OR
- A Senior Certificate (SC) (without endorsement); OR
- A Senior Certificate (Amended) SC(A) Higher Certificate pass.
- For international qualifications: A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NSC L4 equivalence.

RULES OF COMBINATION

All the Higher Certificates follow the basic course structure below. All subjects listed in this programme are compulsory. Students must complete all 120 credits to be successful in the programme.

HIGHER CERTIFICATE QUALIFICATIONS

-  HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN 3D ANIMATION: MODELLING & DESIGN
-  HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN GRAPHIC DESIGN
-  HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY
-  HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN USER EXPERIENCE DESIGN
-  HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN DIGITAL FILM PRODUCTION

HIGHER CERTIFICATE COURSE STRUCTURE

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	
ACADEMIC PRACTICE 10 credits Virtually Mediated 1hr/wk		FUNDAMENTAL SUBJECTS
DRAWING & NARRATIVE 15 credits Campus Mediated 2hr/wk		
PRODUCTION ESSENTIALS <i>Programme Specific</i> 10 credits Online (Self-study) 1hr/wk		
PROCESS TOOLS <i>Programme Specific</i> 20 credits Mode* 2hr/wk		
CORE FOCUS SUBJECT (FOR CERTIFICATE) 45 credits Mode* 4hr/wk		CORE SUBJECTS
	APPLIED FOCUS SUBJECT (FOR CERTIFICATE) 20 credits Mode* 2hr/wk	

*Please see mode indicated in curriculum overview for each Higher Certificate

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

VC

CGD 010	HC (GRAPHIC DESIGN)	SUBJECT CODE	MODE
PRODUCTION ESSENTIALS:	Graphic Design Production Essentials	HG_PE 100	<i>Virtual - self study</i>
PROCESS TOOLS:	Graphic Design Process Tools	HG_PS 110	<i>Virtually-mediated</i>
CORE FOCUS:	Graphic Design	HG_GD 100	<i>Virtually-mediated</i>
APPLIED / SUB-FOCUS:	Graphic Design Applied	HG_GA 120	<i>Virtually-mediated</i>

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Higher Certificate in Graphic Design

HEQC ref: H/PR229/AR011CAN

NQF: Level 5 Credits: 120

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CAREERS

Entry-Level Graphic Designer

OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Higher Certificate in Graphic Design is to equip students with an introductory knowledge and broad skills base to enter the creative industry, in areas such as branding, marketing and print design-related fields. The Higher Certificate in Graphic Design aims to provide students with the necessary, relevant and current knowledge and practical skills to produce professional and appropriate design solutions, both in print and on screen for their clients.

HIGHER CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

On completion of the HC programme, students should be able to:

- Think and communicate visually by applying the learnt skills of drawing, visual perception and composition.
- Read, reflect on, understand, and process information from a variety of academic and design sources while demonstrating the standard ability to apply critical thinking skills to structure an academically sound essay/practical project supported by the research of others.
- Demonstrate a broad understanding of the creative industry in terms of business potential, different types of creative specialisations and creative disciplines as professional occupations.
- Display an understanding of the design terminology and fundamental theories, principles and concepts of graphic design.
- Display an understanding and basic competence in the use of relevant design software.
- Display a practical understanding through the conception, planning, problem solving and execution of design problems as presented in a brief.
- Compile and present work in a professional manner (verbally, visually and written).
- Demonstrate the ability to work both individually as well as collaboratively.

