

FASHION DESIGN

Is Fashion Design for me?

The field is for you if you ...

- Have a strong sense of fashion trends.
- Are well organized but flexible.
- Work well and quickly under pressure.
- Are creative and artistic.
- Have the ability for verbal and written communications.

What skills will I need for this field?

You will need to have ...

- Knowledge of garment construction
- Strong technical skills
- Basic math ability
- Sketching skills
- Knowledge of textiles
- Knowledge of garment fit

What is the work atmosphere like?

Designers may work out of a private studio that may be home-based. Their studio may also be in a manufacturing facility or a corporate headquarters that houses the corporation's design team. Local, national or international travel may be part of your position. Flexible hours are available.

What are my degree options?

Certificate

Fashion Design Certificate
Fashion Entrepreneurial Certificate

Associate's Degree

Associate in Applied Science (AAS)
(Fashion Design Option)

Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor's degrees are available by transferring to four-year colleges and universities.

What are my career opportunities?

Opportunities for advancement increase with work experience. Entry-level design team positions may lead a novice designer into a position as Designer, Trend Director, Technical Design, Print and Color Designer or Quality Control Management. Self-employment and freelance design are other options.

What can I do with these degrees?

If you have completed ...

High School Diploma

Workroom Assistant

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Assistant Designer, Assistant Pattern Engineer, Costume Designer, Production Assistant, Quality Specifier, Size Specifier, Stylist, Wardrobe Consultant

Certificate

Alterations Specialist, Bridal Design Specialist, Custom Dressmaker, Design Assistant, Sample Maker

Bachelor's Degree

Designer, Print and Textile Designer, Production Management, Quality Control Management, Technical Designer, Trend Director

How can I prepare now?

Recommended courses ...

Math

Algebra, Applied Mathematics, Basic Geometry

Science

Chemistry, Computer Technology

Communications

Business Writing, Speech

Occupational Electives

Clothing Construction, Fashion Workshop, Home Economics

Recommended Supporting Electives

Art, Drafting, Keyboarding

What should I take in my first semester at C.O.D.?

FASH 1151: Principles of Textiles

FASH 1155: Clothing Construction I

FASH 2211: Fashion Illustration

BUS 1100: Introduction to Business

English 1101: Composition I

Whom can I talk to for more information?

Business and Technology Division

(630) 942-2592

For more information on the Associate in Applied Science Degree curriculum, see your program coordinator or go to www.cod.edu.

What about my articulated credit?

Check with your high school coordinator to see if you are eligible for articulated credit at College of DuPage.