

A guide to Level 2 Ceramics

What are the aims of the qualification?

This apprenticeship covers the manufacturing process and quality assurance. The qualification is a Level 2 in Manufacturing Ceramics (Hand-Led) and associated products and a certificate in Ceramics Manufacturing as the Technical Certificate.

What are the units of the 'Main' qualification?

Mandatory Units

- Units 1 Prepare for manufacturing ceramic and associated products
- Units 2 Create and maintain effective working relationships in ceramic and associated products manufacturing
- Units 3 Comply with Health and Safety laws and company safety requirements in ceramic and associated products manufacturing
- Units 4 Contribute to improvements in ceramic and associated products manufacturing

Optional Units (Choose 1)

- Unit 1 Process materials to make plastic clay, slip or glaze for ceramic and associated products manufacturing
- Unit 2 Form or decorate ceramic and associated products by removal of material
- Unit 3 Form or decorate ceramic and associated products by adding material
- Unit 4 Form ceramic and associated products by shaping or moulding
- Unit 5 Form ceramic and associated products by cutting
- Unit 6 Form ceramic and associated products from liquid slip or cold cast material
- Unit 7 Form ceramic and associated products by joining or assembling
- Unit 8 Form ceramic products by throwing on the potters' wheel
- Unit 9 Decorate ceramic and associated products by applying lithographs or transfers (simple and complex)
- Unit 10 Decorate ceramic and associated products by applying colour, glaze or precious metal
- Unit 11 Decorate ceramic and associated products by surface alteration
- Unit 12 Model items for the production of ceramic and associated products
- Unit 13 Trim, fettle and smooth formed ceramic and associated products (simple and complex shapes)
- Unit 14 Select and grade ceramic and associated products (simple and complex shapes/patterns)
- Unit 15 Make complex production moulds for ceramic and associated products manufacturing
- Unit 16 Apply a protective coating of glaze, slip or varnish to the surface of ceramic and associated products
- Unit 17 Load and prepare the chamber for de-airing cold cast products
- Unit 18 De-air and cure cold cast products
- Unit 19 Load and prepare the kiln for firing ceramic products
- Unit 20 Fire ceramic products using a kiln

How does it work?

An apprenticeship is a worked based training programme which comprises of a suite of qualifications. Apprenticeships have been specially designed by industry for industry in order to address the employer needs. There are three main elements that make up the apprenticeship framework. Modules within this qualification can be selected to ensure that the Apprenticeship qualifications are relevant to the needs of the business.

How is the apprenticeship delivered?

The delivery of the Apprenticeship can be flexible to fit the needs of your business. Much of the training will be undertaken 'on the job' and the apprentice will be assessed within the workplace. The tuition element can be delivered at Plymouth College of Art or on the premises depending on requirements.

How long will it take?

Each candidate will be assessed on an individual basis and a completion date agreed with an action plan for the assessment process. The length of time from start to completion will vary for each individual depending on their work load and ability to evidence their portfolio of work. It is envisaged that these qualifications would be delivered on a rolling basis and will take between 15 to 24 months to complete.

What support is given?

The learner will have a review meeting every 12 weeks to monitor progress. If the learner is experiencing difficulties in completing the qualification, additional support can be provided. The employer will also be involved on the review process.

Are you eligible?

The programme falls into two funding categories 16 to 18 year olds and 19 to 24 year olds. The learner must not hold a higher qualification than the level they are studying for.

How much is it going to cost?

The employer is responsible for the apprentice salary. Wages must meet the National Minimum Wage of £95 per week. Funding is available to support the cost of training and this will come directly to the training provider.

What's the next step?

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