

# Frequently Asked Questions – Studying Applied Fashion Design

MST30819 Certificate III in Applied Fashion Design and Technology

## Will there be an interview process?

No.

## What basic equipment do I need and should I purchase the equipment before the course starts? Or wait for the first lesson?

A basic supply list will be available on the website. You do not need to purchase all of the items on the supply list if you are unfamiliar with them. Please bring a **basic sewing kit** to class in the first week – this will include scissors, pins, measuring tape and unpicker/seam ripper, as well as a few pens, pencils and a notebook. Your teacher will be able to go through the supply list with you before you purchase other items.

## Do I need access to any special equipment outside of TAFE?

It is desirable that you have access to a sewing machine, ironing board and iron and large table so that you can complete homework. If you do not have this equipment you may be able to borrow items from friends or family members during the course.

## Do I need to purchase my own fabrics?

We do have fabric in our workrooms for testing patterns and sample garments, however if you prefer your own choice of fabric in Certificate III, then you can purchase your own. Staff will communicate to students when this is an option.

## Do I need a laptop or computer?

It is highly desirable to have a laptop or computer available at home. If you do not, you will need to access the TasTAFE library regularly to complete homework and make arrangements to join in on online sessions. You are able to access TasTAFE laptops during on campus, class training.

## Do I need any special software programs?

When you are enrolled at TasTAFE you will have access to the Office 365 suite of programs and access to our online learning platform, CANVAS. You will be equipped with the necessary programs which interface with the online learning platform. If you bring skills and knowledge of other software programs, you can integrate these skills within the project work.

## Can I get funding to purchase equipment for home?

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please make an appointment to speak with a TasTAFE student counsellor by visiting <https://www.tastafe.tas.edu.au/connect> or calling 1300 655 307. Alternatively ask for assistance at a TasTAFE Client Service desk on campus.

## **My English, Maths, Reading, Writing, Study Skills or Computer Skills are not good, can I get help or tutoring help?**

Assistance is available. Please make an appointment with a TasTAFE student counsellor by visiting <https://www.tastafe.tas.edu.au/connect> or calling 1300 655 307. Alternatively ask for assistance at a TasTAFE Client Service desk on campus.



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## **What type of garment products will I be learning about?**

In Certificate III the following garment types are covered in design, patternmaking and production - pants/shorts – Knit tops – skirts – dresses – shirts/blouses.

## **What is the timetable for Certificate III?**

Mondays and Tuesdays: On campus face to face classes 9am – 3pm

Wednesday morning: On campus face to face classes 9pm – 12pm

Wednesday afternoon: State-wide online class & set online work 1pm – 4pm

## **Will there be any homework?**

Yes, you will be expected to complete approximately 3-6 hours homework per week in your own time. This is in addition to the timetabled days above.

## **Can I work 4 days a week and do this course 3 days a week?**

Given the course runs over Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with additional homework time expected it will be very challenging to juggle this much study with four days of employment.

If you miss the occasional training day you should be able to catch up in your own time, however if you miss continuous training days you will struggle to keep up which will have a negative impact on your study outcome. If you wish to discuss the workload further with a teacher before enrolling, email [Creativeindustries@tastafe.tas.edu.au](mailto:Creativeindustries@tastafe.tas.edu.au) and one of our staff will contact you.

## **Can I do the online afternoon classes in my own time, if I have work or appointments on Wednesday afternoons?**

It is advisable to attend most online sessions, however if you miss some sessions they will be recorded and can be watched later. Participating in the live sessions is advised as you will have the opportunity to ask the teacher questions and also share ideas with your state-wide peers. If you are unable to join online classes for any reason, please discuss this with your regional teacher. If you are given permission to study online classes flexibly you will need to make a commitment to keep up with the regular weekly content by watching each lesson recording in full and completing all required tasks during the delivery week.

## What if I only want to study some units?

The Certificate III offers a broad range of skills. There is no option to enrol in a selected, few units. Please email [Creativeindustries@tastafe.tas.edu.au](mailto:Creativeindustries@tastafe.tas.edu.au) and make contact with the Applied Fashion team if you have further queries.

## If have some units from another college, can I receive a credit transfer?

You will receive credit for any units successfully completed, if they are the same unit as those included in the qualification delivered at TasTAFE.

## What is the maximum number of places available in Certificate III, in all regions?

There is a maximum of 18 students in each class in each region.



## How much are the fees?

Certificate III in Applied Fashion Design and Technology –

Subsidised      \$2,230.00

Concession      \$390.00

Commercial      \$13,080.00

In addition there are “Other Fees” which is \$100.00 for class consumables.

For more information on fees visit <https://www.tastafe.tas.edu.au/students/fees>

## When will fees be due?

The fees are generated at the time of enrolment. You will click on the ‘Apply Now’ button on the website and be guided through the admissions and enrolment process.

TasTAFE prefer upfront full payment of course fees, however you can contact Client Services to discuss payment plan options. **Due date** to be the latter of offering start date or invoice date plus 14 days.