

HND CERAMICS

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Qualification title	Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Art and Design (Product Design)
Entry requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCSE Maths and English• Foundation Diploma in Art & Design, Level 3 Art and Design (Merit Grade) or A-Level Art and Design (B Grade)• Mature learners will be considered individually on past experience, qualifications and portfolio of art and design work.
Mode of study	Full-time (3 days per week)
Duration	2 years
Tuition fees	£2,765 (A non-means tested learner loan available to you to cover the costs of your course up to £4,530 from Learner Finance NI)

WHAT ARE HNDS?

BTEC Higher National Diplomas (HNDS) are internationally recognised higher education qualifications at level 4 and 5 that are equivalent to the first and second years of a university degree, providing progression to both university and employment.

Upon successful completion of the programme, you may progress onto year 2 of BA (Hons) programmes with our partnered universities across the UK, enter employment or launch your own creative practice.



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The new HND Ceramics course at Belfast Metropolitan College runs for two years full time (3 days per week). The course will enable learners to develop innovative design methodologies, whilst developing strong technical and conceptual skills underpinned by 'thinking through making'.

Our specialist ceramics, mould-making, 3D design, and printmaking studios are equipped with industry standard equipment to enable learners to utilize traditional and non-traditional technologies, alongside expanding their knowledge of ceramic materials, techniques and processes.

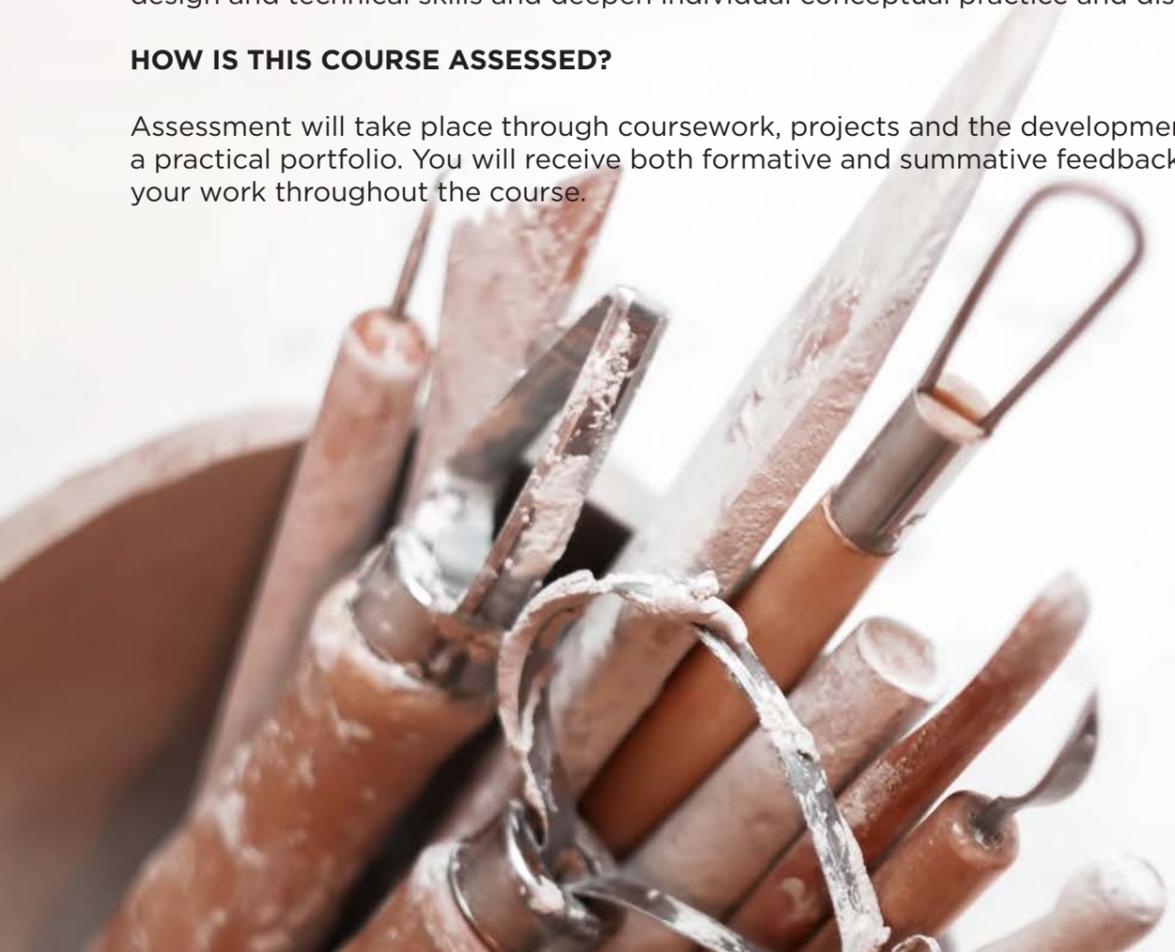
In the first year of the programme (Level 4) you will be taught hand-built clay construction, wheel-throwing, plaster mould-making, surface design and glazing alongside industry standard digital design software for surface design development and 3D printing/rapid prototyping. You will also develop individual design methodologies through real life design scenarios in the form of client briefs.

The programme will provide a professional context by engaging with industry in the form of trips and lectures and workshops by local and international visiting artists and designers. Successful completion of the first HNC year (Level 4) will prepare you to progress on to our second (Level 5) year.

The second year of the programme will give you the tools to become innovative and skilled ceramic designers and makers. You will continue to build and extend ceramic design and technical skills and deepen individual conceptual practice and discourse.

HOW IS THIS COURSE ASSESSED?

Assessment will take place through coursework, projects and the development of a practical portfolio. You will receive both formative and summative feedback on your work throughout the course.





PROGRAMME AIMS

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAMME WILL ENABLE YOU TO:

- Investigate a wide range of ceramic materials, techniques, and processes in response to industry relevant design briefs so that you may develop a successful and sustainable practice.
- Explore surface design using traditional and digital applications.
- Analyse 3D practices through research into historic and contemporary contexts.
- Develop an individual conceptual framework using iterative design methodologies and 'thinking through making'.
- Effectively use 2D and 3D CAD software to produce visualisations and 3D printed models for design development and mould-making.
- Develop your professional practice through industry engagement, visiting lecturers and specialist workshops.
- Progress onto BA (Hons) degree or launch your own creative practice.

UNITS COVERED

Type of unit	Unit number	Unit title	Credit value	Level
Year 1				
Mandatory	1	Professional Development	15	4
Core Unit Mandatory	2	Contextual Studies	15	4
Core Unit Mandatory	3	Individual Project (Pearson-Set)	15	4
Core Unit Mandatory	4	Techniques and Processes	15	4
Specialist Unit Mandatory	5	3D Practices	15	4
Specialist Unit Mandatory	7	Computer Aided Design (CAD)	15	4
Optional Unit	17	Art/Craft Production	15	4
Optional Unit	30	Surface Design	15	4
Year 2				
Core Unit Mandatory	32	Professional Practice	15	5
Core Unit Mandatory	33	Applied Practice Collaborative Project (Pearson Set)	30	5
Specialist Unit	35	Advanced Product Design	30	5
Mandatory Unit	35	Advanced Product Design	30	5
Optional Unit	48	Conceptual Practice	15	5
Optional Unit	50	Material Selection & Specification	15	5
Optional Unit	51	Ceramic Design	15	5

(Please note optional units and subject to change)

STUDENT FUNDING

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

If you are studying a Full Time Higher Education Course at Belfast Met you may be able to receive funding from Learner Finance NI. The funding available is dependent on your individual circumstances and household income.

TUITION FEE LOAN (REPAYABLE)

A non-means tested loan available to you to cover the costs of your course up to £4,530. All Belfast Met Full-time Higher Education Courses cost £2,765 per year.

MAINTENANCE LOAN (REPAYABLE)

A means tested loan available to assist with your living/accommodation costs. A higher rate loan is available if living away from family home.

MAINTENANCE GRANT (NON-REPAYABLE ON COURSE COMPLETION)

A means tested grant of up to £3,465 available to assist you with living/accommodation costs. Maintenance Grant & Loan means test examples (Living away from family home).

Income	Grant	Loan	Total
£19,203 or less	£3,475	£2,953	£6,428
£25,000	£2,201	£3,289	£5,490
£35,000	£689	£4,151	£4,840
£41,065	£50	£4,790	£4,840
£53,035	£0	£3,630	£3,630

For full criteria and terms and conditions regarding Learner Finance NI Loan and grant rates please [click here](#).

HOW TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

During the current Covid-19 restrictions, we strongly advise applying online by going to the [Student Finance NI website](#) and clicking 'create an account'.





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USEFUL LINKS

[Belfast Met Website](#)

[Life at the Met](#)

[Public Documents](#)

[Student Criminal Disclosures](#)

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[Belfast Met Passport](#)

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