

# Certificate IV in Visual Arts

COURSE CODE	CUA41320
LOCATIONS	Warrnambool
STUDY MODE	Full-time, On Campus
Length	12 months
Commencement	July 2025
Timetable	Three days a week

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## Course Overview

*This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.*

### Introduction

Build on your existing creative skills and develop your own artistic voice and command of techniques with the Certificate IV in Visual Arts.

You will develop critical and conceptual thinking skills, to extend your creative practice and to broaden your understanding of what it means to be a successful arts practitioner in today's art industry. Upon successful completion of the course, you will be well positioned to apply for entry into our Diploma of Visual Arts course.

### What will I Learn?

In this course you will learn about:

- the history and theory of art
- how to realise a creative project
- exhibiting a body of work
- the arts industry
- painting
- printmaking
- photography
- sculpture
- drawing
- work health and safety

### Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

This qualification will prepare you to continue study in the visual arts field at Diploma level that will support a professional art practice career. You may also use your skills and knowledge to continue producing artwork for personal interest or gain.

Career opportunities include:

- studio artist
- community artist

### Pathways

After completing this qualification, you could continue further study in the [Diploma of Visual Arts](#).

## Placement

There is no formal placement in this course, however you will have the opportunity to work closely with the local arts community.

## Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

[Find the next info session near you](#)

## Course Requirements

*This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.*

### Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

You must be at least 17 years of age.

### Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification you must successfully complete 15 units: 6 core and 9 elective.

You will need to provide:

- USB storage device
- Art materials for each studio, list to be supplied/outlined per studio.
- General kit: pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, sharpener, workable fixative, masking tape, fine liners
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

### Units offered

#### Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
CUARES403	Research history and theory to inform own arts practice	70	\$0.00
CUAACD311	Produce drawings to communicate ideas	90	\$55.00
CUAPPR411	Realise a creative project	90	\$55.00
CUAPPR414	Develop self as artist	60	\$0.00
CUAPPR415	Develop and discuss ideas for own creative work	70	\$0.00
CUAWHS312	Apply work health and safety practices	30	\$0.00

#### Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
CUAIND311	Work effectively in the creative arts industry	50	\$0.00

CUAACD411	Integrate colour theory and design processes	40	\$55.00
CUADES411	Generate design solutions	70	\$70.00
CUADIG415	Produce innovative digital images	70	\$0.00
CUAIND411	Extend expertise in specialist creative fields	45	\$85.00
CUAPAI411	Experiment with techniques to produce paintings	50	\$70.00
CUAPPR417	Select and prepare creative work for exhibition	30	\$40.00
CUAPRI411	Experiment with printing techniques	50	\$85.00
CUASCU411	Experiment with techniques to produce sculpture	50	\$80.00

## Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

## Attendance

Class attendance and participation is a critical element of learning and gaining the knowledge and skills required to be assessed as competent.

Attendance of scheduled classes is expected to be 100%. If you do not attend at least 80% of the scheduled classes for a unit of competency, you may be ineligible for completion of the unit and your enrolment in the course may be reviewed.

In the event that classes are missed due to illness or other personal reasons, you are expected to inform the teacher of your absence prior to the commencement of the scheduled class. For extended or frequent non-attendance, you may be requested to provide a medical certificate or other supporting evidence.

## After applying

Once you have applied for your chosen course, you will receive a thank you email from South West TAFE with a few steps to help process your enrolment.

### Complete a Pre-Training Review

You will receive an email to complete a Pre-Training Review online evaluation. This evaluation helps us tailor your training to suit your needs.

### Create or provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A USI is a nationally recognised reference number that provides an online record of your training qualifications gained in Australia.

[Create your USI](#)

Already have a USI but can't remember it? [Find your USI](#)

### Skills recognition

If you have experience or prior qualifications, you may be eligible to apply for [recognition of prior learning](#) and gain credits. You will be asked to provide any relevant Statement of Attainment to support identified credits.

## Fees

*This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.*



## Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements. Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

## Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. **Government Subsidised Fee** - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.  
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)
2. **Government Subsidised Concession Fee** - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.  
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. **If the course is a Free TAFE course or part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program** - Eligible students will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.  
[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)  
[Find out more about Free TAFE Pathways Programs](#)
4. **Full fee** - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

The fees listed below are indicative only. The course fees published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Course fee funding is made available to eligible individuals by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. An accurate quote for this course will be provided during the enrolment process.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$7,400.00
Concession rate	\$1,480.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$11,205.00

  

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$561.75

## Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

## How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account, debited from your Centrelink payments or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

## Next Steps

*Ready to take the next step? Here you can [make an enquiry](#), [attend an information session](#) or [begin the application process](#).*

## How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. Apply - complete a [short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank-you email.
2. Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - we will assess whether you need to undertake a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment and email it to you if required.  
If you are not required to undertake this assessment, you will skip to step 3.
3. Chat to our team - your teacher or course specialist will contact you to discuss the course in more detail and ensure the right units of study are selected for you.
4. Enrol – you will be sent an email to accept your offer for the course. By accepting, you will be directed to verify your details and submit your enrolment for processing.
5. Pay - once we've completed your enrolment, we will send you an invoice to arrange [payment of your course fees](#).

If you need any assistance with applying, [contact our team](#) on 1300 648 911 or visit your nearest campus.

## Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

## Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).