

Course Information Sheet

Ceramics Workshop

Introduction

This course is of a practical nature covering advanced ceramic making and decorating techniques. Techniques include pinching, coiling, slabbing, press-moulding, decorative techniques, glazing and throwing. It offers, with guidance, the opportunity to explore different materials, which will allow you to develop and create your own individual ideas and ceramic pieces.

Learners who have attended Beginners or have some experience in ceramics will be able to develop their skills in the Intermediate course.

What are the course entry requirements?

No formal qualifications are required although a moderate level of experience in ceramics would be useful. This course requires you to have level 1 literacy skills and be able to follow written and verbal instruction.

How long is the course?

8 weeks

What will the course involve?

This course is an ideal opportunity for those who wish to learn how to produce functional and non – functional ceramics. The course allows you to explore available resources, develop and create your own ideas, providing you with an underpinning knowledge of the creative craft process.

The course will involve the production of ceramic pieces through the development of clay hand-building skills & or throwing techniques; you will also gain an understanding of glazing & decorating techniques.

How will I be learning?

Most of the learning will be in a class situation with one to one tutorials on a regular basis. Demonstrations will be given on all the different ceramics processes. Students are encouraged to do development work at home, although individual guidance will be given. Students are also encouraged to visit libraries, galleries etc. to provide stimulus for development of ideas.

What equipment will I need?

Protective clothing, some basic ceramics tools (advice will be given)

How will I know if I am making progress?

Feedback on progress will be given regularly.

What course work will I be expected to complete?

You will be expected to complete a diary/ sketch book to show how you have progressed

What can I expect to learn from this course?

- How to produce basic and more advanced ceramic pieces using hand building and throwing methods
- How to glaze and decorate your ceramic work using a variety of materials
- You will learn about the firing process
- How to make choices relating to the production of ceramic ware

Will I need to cover anything in addition to the course fee?

Clay & glazes will be charged for separately by weight which is currently priced at £3 a kilo. You may also wish to purchase potters tools and some art materials.

What other training programmes and progression opportunities are there?

Learners might like to link this course with other creative arts courses in the college.

If you require in-depth advice on progression opportunities or guidance on career choices please contact our Information Advice and Guidance Officers on 0845 600 1331. For general information about other courses, contact us on the previous number or check out the website www.lancashire.gov.uk/adultlearning