



Course Information

Painting and Decorating NVQ Level 3 (QCF)

Subject:	Construction
Type:	FE
Qualification level:	3
Course Code:	44340
Division:	Construction and Technology
Attendance:	Based on site at place of employment
Location:	Work-based Learning
Mode of study:	PT
Mode of delivery:	Work-based Learning
Start date:	As required
How to apply:	Direct to the College
Awarding body:	CAA

Who is this course for?

The role of a painter and decorator can be a lot more involved than simply decorating the room of a house. Work can be carried out indoors or outdoors using a wide range of products and methods to cover various surfaces and structures, from applying gold leaf to an ornate fixture to putting a heavy-duty coating on an oil rig!

The course is delivered via On Site Assessment and Training (OSAT) which helps candidates turn their existing skills and experience into a nationally recognised qualification and they only train towards the things they don't know how to do.

OSAT benefits the employer by ensuring limited loss of production and a qualification within 1 year (quite often, the qualification can be achieved as quickly as 4 months!). Upon certification the candidate will be eligible for a CSCS card. The CSCS card is a mandatory requirement on many construction sites.

Description

The college is tasked by the Government to ensure that the candidate has a safe and healthy work placement. The college will allocate an assessor who will meet with the candidate and the employer to complete the sign-up documentation and carry out a health and safety in the workplace check; they will also need to see a current employer's liability certificate.

The candidate will need to have the relevant work opportunities to collect evidence and

complete their portfolio, meeting qualification requirements. They will need their employer's support to do this.

The assessor will carry out regular reviews and observations at an agreed time and whilst copies of these visits are given to the candidate, progress reports can also be supplied to the employer upon request. Dickies Workwear (UK) Ltd sponsors of staff workwear for this course.

Teaching and Assessment

In addition to building a portfolio of evidence the candidate will be assessed using a range of different methods which could include observations, photographic evidence or question papers. The candidate will also need to pass the CSCS Operatives Health & Safety test (or have passed it no more than 2 years ago).

This course is separated into 2 different routes, Industrial Painter and Painter & Decorator. There are a number of mandatory units covering health & safety and efficient work practice. There are also a number of optional units relevant to each route. During sign-up the college assessor will discuss the individual needs with the candidate and employer and advise the most suitable route to be completed.

Career Opportunities

These qualifications develop competent, motivated employees. They demonstrate the high level of employer commitment to the employee and improve the company's image and attractiveness for current and prospective employees. They encourage staff to remain with the company, reducing staff turnover and the cost of recruitment.

Successful candidates will be qualified, competent employees, who do the job better, complete work faster, have fewer accidents, and waste less time correcting mistakes.

Entry Requirements

Candidates need to meet the skill criteria based on their past 3 year's experience, this profile match is carried out by the college assessor who will advise upon further training required if the criteria is not fully met.

Cost

Funding may be available.

Contact

For further guidance and advice including possible funding please contact the Business Centre on 01823 366 555 or email enquiries@somerset.ac.uk