CUA41320 Certificate IV in Visual Arts

Alice Springs

DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of individuals who are beginning to develop their own artistic voice and command of techniques in a range of art forms.

It applies to work in different visual arts, craft and design work environments.

Practice at this level is underpinned by application of broad and integrated technical and theoretical knowledge and the ability to analyse and use information from a range of sources. Individuals at this level usually operate autonomously, however they may provide some leadership and guidance to others with limited responsibility for the output of others.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Alice Springs
Duration*	Full time: 1 year Part time: 2 years
Study mode ^^	Face-to-face
Dates ^	TERM 1: 02/03/2026 to 01/05/2026 (mid-term break: 07-10/04/2026) TERM 2: 11/05/2026 to 03/07/2026 TERM 3: 27/7/2026 to 25/9/2026 (mid-term break 26-28/8/2026) TERM 4: 12/10/2026 to 04/12/2026 *Students can enrol at any time after the identified start date and will commence at the start of the next available unit. A specific commencement date will be determined in consultation with the delivery team.*
Attendance	Classes: Thursday & Friday 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Studio: Wednesday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

* Duration may vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.
^ Course timetable will be provided on application for the course.
^^Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
NT Government Supported*	Free
Full Fees	$11,531.35 - $12,567.10

*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic eligible students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. For International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to TAFE Fees and Payments

ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning , portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, VET RPL.

CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

RESOURCES

Students will have 24/7 access to assessments and learning resources on Learnline, CDU's online learning platform. Before you can start using Learnline, you'll need to make sure that your computer has the correct setup. For more details: Learnline | Charles Darwin University

Computer and internet access is required to source information and complete assessments. It is recommended students bring a digital device with them to class so they can access online resources.

Students are issued with learning materials and handouts for each unit.

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STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Artist
- Visual Artist
- Arts Practitioner
- Pathways to other visual arts, craft, and design job roles.

- Studio Artist
- Ceramic Artist
- Jewellery Designer

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve CUA41320 Certificate IV in Visual Arts, a total of fifteen (15) units of competency must be completed comprising six (6) core and nine (9) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses with some offered through short course / flexible delivery.

CORE UNITS

CUAACD311	Produce drawings to communicate ideas
CUAPPR411	Realise a creative project
CUAPPR414	Develop self as artist
CUAPPR415	Develop and discuss ideas for own creative work
CUARES403	Research history and theory to inform own arts practice
CUAWHS312	Apply work health and safety practices

ELECTIVE UNITS

BSBTEC201	Use business software applications *(unnamed elective)*
CUAACD412	Experiment with moulding and casting techniques
CUACER411	Experiment with techniques to produce ceramic works
CUACER412	Experiment with throwing techniques
CUACER413	Experiment with ceramic surface techniques
CUADES301	Explore the use of colour
CUADES302	Explore and apply the creative design process to 2D forms
CUADES303	Explore and apply the creative design process to 3D forms
CUADIG315	Produce digital images *(unnamed elective)*
CUADIG415	Produce innovative digital images
CUADRA401	Experiment with techniques to produce drawings
CUAILL401	Develop and refine illustrative work
CUAPAI411	Experiment with techniques to produce paintings
CUAPPR417	Select and prepare creative work for exhibition
CUASCU411	Experiment with techniques to produce sculpture
CUAPRI411	Experiment with printing techniques
CUAIND411	Extend expertise in specialist creative fields

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WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at Student Support - Life, Health and Wellbeing

CONTACT DETAILS

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For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life.

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