

1 YEAR FULLTIME COURSE
FASHION DESIGN
NORTH WEST
SCHOOL OF DESIGN

North West School of Design (NWSD), founded by awarding winning and highly recognized Fashion Entrepreneur Marlene Oosthuizen, has recently celebrated 25 years of training International and South Africa's top designers and fashion professionals.

NWSD is Accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC) as an International Centre.

The achievement was awarded after the school underwent a rigorous evaluation process as well as an inspection by the BAC Inspectors from the UK. This International Accreditation is just one step in ensuring that the school's approach to teaching and learning is recognised and quality assured providing our students with a better platform to launch their careers in the fashion industry.

The British Accreditation Council (BAC) provides a comprehensive quality assurance scheme for independent further and higher education in the UK. BAC accreditation is recognised the world over by students, agents, and government officials as the clearest mark of educational quality in the private sector.

The BAC is a member organisation of the European Association for Quality Assurance (ENQA) in Higher Education.

This one year course is the first year extracted from the 3 year course, which was designed to provide the fashion industry with graduates who are able to contribute to the economy as entrepreneurs and/or fashion designers on the global runway from the day they enter the industry.



The **1-year Fashion Design** course provides a structured introduction into the world of fashion design and an understanding of the business of fashion. The course equips participants with practical skillsets and theoretical understanding of fashion design principles. By using the award-winning X!Act Design Patternmaker™, you are able to create patterns and then construct apparel you have designed. You are also equipped with the insights needed to succeed in the business of fashion and encouraged to develop an entrepreneurial mindset. Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to further your education by gaining access to the 3-year course for those who wish to further advance their skillsets and aptitude. Graduates entering the industry have a variety of career options available and gain valuable exposure through real-world work integrated learning experiences at the NWSD Platinum Fashion Festival.

The North West School of Design is situated in the 'City of the People' - Klerksdorp, North West. Together with Rustenburg, Klerksdorp forms the economic heart of the Platinum Province, North West Province.

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCESSES

Applicants can apply online or visit the college to interact with lecturers and students and experience the NWSD culture. Visitors are welcomed any academic day of the year for assistance with the application and registration process.

If you want to transfer from another Fashion Institute to North West School of Design, please contact our Head of Institute, **Marlene** (marlene@nwsd.co.za), for an RPL application.

If you need help with your application, please feel free to:

- Go to the **Contact us** page
- Send an email to our Admissions Officer, **Charles**: charles@nwsd.co.za
- Phone us: +27 (0)18 462 5149

STEP 1: Get the Prospectus and read through our Legal Status

- Once you have worked through our course offerings and have established which course you would like to apply for, make sure to go through the course prospectus so that you are more familiar with our admissions criteria, class schedule, subject structures, and examination procedures.
- If at this stage you are not sure about any aspect of the course Prospectus, please email us (charles@nwsd.co.za), or give us a call (+27(0) 18 462 5149) to clarify.

STEP 2: Apply for Registration (Online Application)

- To complete our online registration, go to this [link](#) and complete the registration form and the online application test.
- Our Admission Officer will contact you telephonically (via WhatsApp) and email with your test results and if successful, acceptance letter.

STEP 3: Payment of Registration fee

- Once your application has been approved, it is vital that you pay your registration fee so to secure your seat, which is only guaranteed once you received your NWSD student number.
- The student number and registration confirmation letter will only be issued once the registration fee has been paid.
- We reserve 35 seats for students in our 1st year group. Ensure that you apply ASAP so that your application can be processed, as you can only pay your registration fee once you have been accepted in writing.

STEP 4: Registration Contract

- After submitting the exam and paying the registration fee, our Admissions Officer will send you the following documents, of which you need to read through and sign:
 - Registration Contract
 - Internet Contract
 - Student Supply List
 - Code of Conduct
 - Fashion Show Contract

- Once the above documents have been signed, kindly send them back to the Admissions Officer so that the student file can be created.
- Your signed documents should be sent back to the Admissions Officer with the following documents:
 - Certified copy of Applicants ID
 - Certified copy of Parent/Bursar/Guardian ID (i.e., person responsible for fees)
 - Certified proof of residential address
 - Two passport / ID Photos of the Applicant
 - Study Permit for International Applicants



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The NWSD course is intense, and applicants are required to have the following as a minimum criterion:

- 1) Be 18 years or older.
- 2) Have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or equivalent.
- 3) Successfully complete the online application test

For Applicants who do not have a NSC, the following is required as a minimum criteria:

- 1) Be 18 years or older.
- 2) Successfully complete the online application test
- 3) Submit a CV/Resume
- 4) Submit a motivational essay or video on why you should be accepted.

COURSE INFO

The course consists of four (4) full-year modules. The first three modules introduce the principles, practices and industry norms and standards of the fashion world. It also introduces the design skills and techniques applied to create patterns and construct garments and apparel. The fourth module culminates the years learning into the Work Integrated Learning (WIL) module which requires a full cycle of production as required in the fashion world, enabling participants to showcase their talent at the annual Platinum Fashion Festival Showcase.

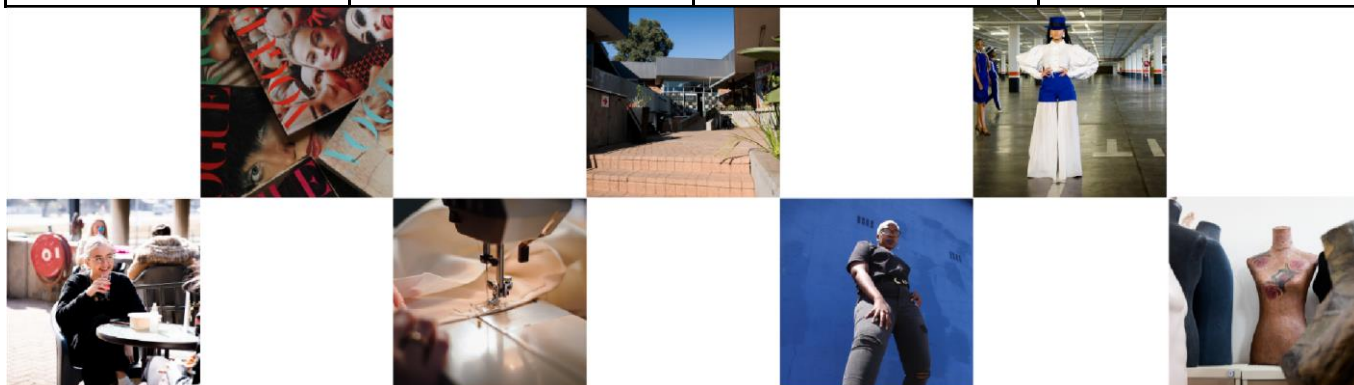
Each of the four modules are compulsory and integrates to provide foundational understanding of fashion design and the business of fashion and is aligned to the NQF level 5. Participants gain a thorough understanding of the main course's streams, namely, (1) Fashion Design and (2) Fashion Communications and Buying.

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Distinguish between the world of fashion and the business of fashion contextually.
- Describe the career opportunities available within the fashion industry.
- Demonstrate the basic skillsets and techniques used to construct a garment pattern.
- Apply basic skillsets and techniques used in the construction of a garment.
- Recognise the impact of historical fashion developments on the modern global fashion industry.

- Present and report information through visual aids to stakeholders.
- Operate machinery and equipment that enable the construction of garments and apparel.
- Associate and justify the use of specific textiles in design ideas.
- Demonstrate understanding of trends and the influence on international markets and industry developments.
- Appraise the role of public relations in the fashion industry and identify the key components that drive success of the fashion industry.

One year FASHION DESIGN			
Module 1: Business of Fashion	Module 2: Designing of Fashion	Module 3: Production of Fashion	Module 4: Work-Integrated Learning
<i>This module aims to provide students with an understanding of operational knowledge and skills needed to function effectively in the business of fashion.</i>	<i>This module aims to provide students with the research and artistic elements used to influence design ideas and illustrate design concepts.</i>	<i>This module aims to provide students with the technical and practical skillsets required to produce the conceptual ideas and design illustrations into garments or apparel.</i>	<i>The Work Integrated Learning module serves as a real work-world project-based learning experience and is integral to demonstrate and evidence the student's ability to achieve the outcomes at the end of each year.</i>
<p><u>Unit 1: Business Management</u> Fashion Entrepreneurship Competitive advantage Careers in Fashion</p> <p><u>Unit 2: Fashion Buying</u> Intro to Fashion Buying Reporting Trends</p> <p><u>Unit 3: Marketing</u> Introduction to Marketing Branding Introduction to Costings Networking</p>	<p><u>Unit 1: Design & Illustrations</u> Garment Illustrations Design Principles Theory of Fashion</p> <p><u>Unit 2: History of Fashion</u> 20th Century Designers Introduction to Renaissance</p> <p><u>Unit 3: Textiles</u> Introduction to textiles</p>	<p><u>Unit 1: Pattern Construction</u> Pattern Planning and Theory Basic Pattern Manipulation X!Act Design Block System</p> <p><u>Unit 2: Computer Aided Design</u> Introduction to CAD</p> <p><u>Unit 3: Apparel Construction</u> Factory Organisation Machine Technology Sewing Techniques Quality Control Fusing and Pressing</p> <p><u>Unit 4: Finishing Techniques</u> Accessory Making</p>	<p>Mid-Year Digital Advertising Show</p> <p>Year-End Platinum Fashion Festival</p>



ATTENDANCE POLICY

The course is designed for contact mode learning and therefore it is vital that students attend learning sessions. Students who have absenteeism problems not only suffer academically, but also socially. Absenteeism leads to inadequate learning on the part of the student and affects their overall performance. In the class or group situation, absenteeism of some of the students leads to unsatisfactory class averages and because our lecturer's job performance is measured on class averages obtained by the group, NWSD follows a strict absenteeism policy.

Each year consists of 4 terms and term breaks are estimated in accordance with provincial school term-breaks.

- 2023 Classes start on Wednesday, 29 January 2024
- Classes are Monday to Friday – 08h30 to 16h00
- Morning sessions are from 08h30 to 13h30
- Self-directed sessions are from 14h00 to 16h00
- All the above sessions will be attended as essential lecturing sessions and are compulsory class hours.
- Attendance registers are kept at all sessions.
- Students may take 1 hour (per week) leave absence from self-directed sessions for tuition related errands.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THE 2024 YEAR PLAN AND CLASS SCHEDULES WITH TERM ALLOCATIONS

ANNUAL FEE STRUCTURE 2024

Course Fee	1 st Year 2024
Tuition Fees	R43 000-00
Examination Fee	R2 500-00
Kit Fees (Resource Levy, Design kit, Book kit, Manual Kit, Sew Kit, Textiles Kit)	R6 500-00
Selective Modules	R2 000-00
TOTAL	R54 000-00
Payment Options	1 st Year 2024
Option 1 Advanced Payment Payable at the beginning of the year by 2 February 2024	R54 000-00
Option 2 Termly Payment Payable at the start of each term January, April, July, October	R14 000-00 X 4 Instalments = 56 000-00
Option 3 Monthly Payable at the beginning of each month.	4 820-00 X 12 Instalments = R57 840-00

- The total annual course fee is payable in either 4 termly instalments or 12 monthly instalments. Please note that these instalments are the payment plan towards the total

course fee and these monthly payments therefore do not coincide with monthly attendance of classes.

- *Registration fees and other fees paid to NWSD are non-refundable.*
- Students will receive a Registration Confirmation letter and student number once the Registration fee is paid and all signed contracts have been issued to NWSD.

THE ABOVE FEES EXCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AVERAGE COSTS	1st Year 2023
Registration Fee	R5 600-00
PFF Fashion Show Ticket Fee Each student receives 10 tickets which they can sell or give to family and friends.	R2 000-00 October 2024
PFF Fashion Show Participation fee	R300-00 September 2024
Stationary, Sewing Machine, & Laptop	Refer to requisition list for specifications
Circular Skirt Project	R150 to R250 March 2024
Hat Making Project	N/A
Corset Project	R150-00 to R180-00 June 2024
Storyboard Project	R100 to R200 February 2024
Fashion Show Collection Fabric The final amount needed cannot be estimated as this is dependent on the collection and fabric choices within the collection.	R300 to R3000 August 2024

Please Note

- NWSD will gladly assist you in obtaining Special discounted prices for machines and laptops
- Students who are unable to receive funding for sewing projects will be assisted by the principal, by assigning a client who will then be responsible for the purchasing of fabric for the relevant project. The student will then produce the garment for the client under strict guidance from the principal to ensure the client receives a high-quality garment.
- NWSD will supply fabric for the following projects: 1st year 1st Garment Project; 1st Year sewing samples
- Lecturing schedules and submission deadlines for sewing projects will not be rescheduled for students who do not have fabric in time for such schedules. Therefore, it is important to diarize and note the dates for when this fabric is needed.

Student Accommodation

The North West School of Design does not house students, although we have contacts of available accommodation near the college. We can, however, not disclose any contact details, costs, addresses or any information regarding accommodation due to safety and privacy

reasons. The admissions officer or the institute administrator will gladly assist registered students with finding accommodation on request.

Certification

Please refer to our Legal Status on our website.

At the end of the learning journey, students receive a *NWSD Certified Official Graduation Statement* which includes the NWSD stamp, the BAC logo, student information as well as the first date of registration, completion date, and the graduation date. Graduates also receive a Certified Transcript detailing the modules and subjects completed.

NWSD has successfully, delivered highly qualified and skilled graduates to the fashion industry – with household designer names as alumni for the past 25 years.

NWSD is highly recognised within the fashion industry as a leader in the training of fashion entrepreneurs and the BAC international accreditation confirms this achievement.

We look forward to having you on campus!

