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NORTH WEST
SCHOOL OF DESIGN

WELCOME TO NWSD



North West School of Design (NWSD), founded by awarding winning and highly recognized Fashion Entrepreneur Marlene Oosthuizen, has recently celebrated 27 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.

This 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.

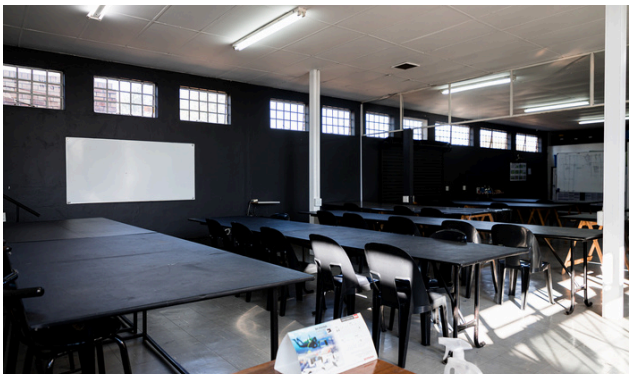
The British Accreditation Council (BAC) provides a comprehensive quality assurance scheme for independent further and higher education in the UK. BAC accreditation is recognised the world over by students, agents, and government officials as the clearest mark of educational quality in the private sector.

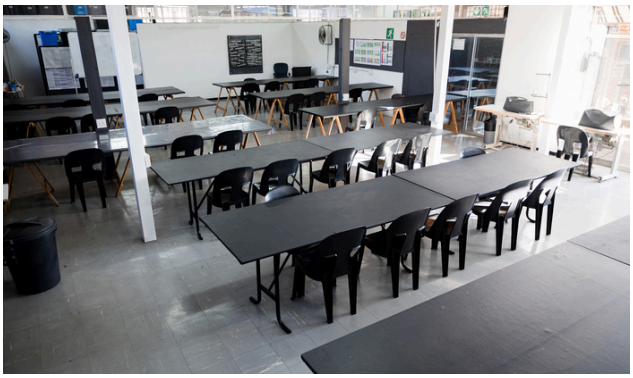
The BAC is a member organisation of the European Association for Quality Assurance (ENQA) in Higher Education. The North West School of Design is situated in the 'City of the People' - Klerksdorp, North West. Together with Rustenburg, Klerksdorp forms the economic heart of the Platinum Province, North West Province.

OUR CAMPUS

The North West School of Design is a prestigious institution, boasting a vibrant campus café and a state-of-the-art clinic managed by a professional nurse. Recently transformed and expanded, the school now offers even more space and a dynamic workforce.

Nestled in Klerksdorp North West, in the charming Leinr building, owned by the visionary Principal, Ms. Marlene Oosthuizen, the campus provides secure parking and exceptional working spaces. Additionally, students can enjoy a trendy thrift store, a cozy reading room, and with a fully equipped photo studio in the pipeline, making it a hub of creativity and innovation.













COURSE INFO

The part-time sewing course at North West School of Design is designed to provide students with a comprehensive foundation in sewing techniques and garment construction. This course is ideal for beginners and those looking to enhance their sewing skills.

COURSE CONTENT:

Sewing Samples:
Students will begin by producing a variety of sewing samples. These samples will cover essential sewing techniques such as straight stitching, zigzag stitching, hemming, and seam finishes. This hands-on practice will help students gain confidence and precision in their sewing abilities.





Tracing a Commercial Pattern:
The course will guide students through the process of tracing a commercial pattern. This includes understanding pattern markings, grain lines, and how to properly align and cut fabric. Students will learn to read and interpret pattern instructions, which is a crucial skill for any aspiring designer.

Creating a Basic Skirt:
Students will apply their newly acquired skills to create a basic skirt. This project will involve measuring, cutting, and assembling the skirt, as well as inserting zippers or other closures. By the end of this module, students will have a completed skirt that fits them perfectly.





Creating a Basic Blouse:
The final project in the course is the creation of a basic blouse. Students will learn techniques such as setting in sleeves, creating buttonholes, and attaching collars. This project will further enhance their garment construction skills and provide them with a versatile piece of clothing they can wear with pride.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

As this is a non-credit bearing course, there are no strict requirements to study Part-Time Sewing. Although the ability to read and write and basic math skills are important factors that the prospective student must possess.

The minimum age to register is 17 years with the assistance of a Guardian or Parent in registering. This course is open to anyone with an interest in sewing, regardless of prior experience. It is particularly beneficial for those who wish to pursue a career in fashion design or simply want to enhance their sewing skills for personal projects



CLASS SCHEDULES AND DATES

The course consists mostly of practical work and is designed for contact mode learning and therefore it is vital that students attend learning sessions.

The Saturday sewing course is conducted over a period of five months, with classes held once per month. This schedule is designed to accommodate working professionals and students with busy daytime commitments.

Saturday classes are from 9h00 to 14h00 on these following dates:

- **22 May 2027**
- **19 June 2027**
- **24 July 2027**
- **28 August 2027**
- **18 September 2027**

FEE STRUCTURE & RESOURCES



Payments for class fees and other fees can be made directly into the bank account of North West School of Design.

Banking Details will appear on registration form, use initials and surname as reference.

Registration Fee	R600.00	This is payable with registration to secure your seat in class. Please note that this is non-refundable.
Course Fee	R 356.00 x 5 months = R1 780.00	Monthly instalments, payable in the beginning of every month. Payments should be made in advance for each month.
Online Library	R 45.00 x 2months = R90.00	Monthly instalments, payable in the beginning of every month. Payments should be made in advance for each month.
Sewing Kit Fee	R 700.00	This is payable with registration.
TOTAL	**R3 170.00**	

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

For all practical Modules, you are required to bring a notebook, pen, pencil and a ruler.

- For Basic Sewing students will be required to purchase fabric, suggestions of fabric will be discussed with the lecturer.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- • For Basic Sewing NWSD Provides a Sewing Kit which NWSD provides which includes: 1 x open ended zip, 1 x fabric marking pencil, 1 x unpicker, 1 x measuring tape, 1 x black thread (roll), 1 x tracing wheel, 1 x fabric scissors, 1 x thread scissors and 1 x hook and eye pair.

CERTIFICATION

Please refer to the Legal Status on our website.

At the end of the learning journey, students receive a non-credit bearing certificate which includes the NWSD stamp, the BAC logo, student information and completion date, and the graduation date. Here at North West School of Design, our short courses are a combination of evening classes and Saturday workshops ranging from one –day workshops to two-month part-time courses.

In the efforts to make our short course more affordable, the NWSD short courses are offered as non-credit bearing courses, as these courses are not unit standard based. Student therefore receive a non-credit bearing certificate after completing the short course.

What Does It Mean If My Course Is Non-Accredited?
Are you interested in studying a non-accredited course, but not sure whether it is worth the time and money? Many people are still under the impression that a non-accredited course has no value. This is not true. Non-accredited courses are great for learning a new skillset or building on your existing proficiencies. What's more, they are shorter in duration, which means that you can gain a new skill set in as little as six months.

What you need to know about non-accredited courses
- A non-accredited course has no connection to an external accreditation or professional body.
- Non-accredited courses focus on equipping the student with a specific knowledge and skillset.
- You can study a non-accredited course to help you in your current and future career, or for hobbyist purposes.
- Even though it carries no professional recognition, you can still list it on your CV.
- Non-accredited courses are often shorter in duration.
- Non-accredited courses are not as expensive as professional study programmes.
- Non-accredited courses are more affordable than accredited study programmes.

The advantages of studying a non-accredited course.
- The study material and assignments are not as complicated. Also, there are no exams.
- Non-accredited courses are often shorter in duration, which means that you can gain a new skillset in a short period of time.
- A non-accredited course can help you refine your skills.
- Non-accredited courses are still valuable in the job market.
- You can build on your knowledge and skill.
- The entrance requirements for non-accredited courses are not as strict as those for accredited courses.

HOW TO REGISTER

Visitors are welcomed any academic day of the year for assistance with the application and registration process.

If you need help with your application, please feel free to:
- Go to the Contact us page
- Send an email to our Admissions Office, admissions@nwsd.co.za
- Phone us: +27 (0)18 462 5149

Here are the steps to take when applying to study at NWSD:

STEP 1: Get the Prospectus
Once you have worked through our course offerings and legal status 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.

STEP 2: Payment of Registration fee
It is vital that you pay your registration fee so to secure your seat.

STEP 3: Complete the Registration form
Once you have completed the form, please email or deliver to the admissions officer (admissions@nwsd.co.za)

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