

## National 3 Practical Craft Skills (Course Code: C759 73)

SCQF Level 3 (18 Credit Points)

### Why study Practical Craft Skills?

This course gives you a broad introduction practical craft skills. The course is largely workshop based and focuses on practical woodworking and or/metalworking skills. You will get to use a wide range of tools, equipment and materials, working with wood, manufactured boards and/or metals. You will follow a series of activities through to the completion of a finished item.

The skills you learn in this course will help you move into career areas such as craft, design, engineering and graphics.

### Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

[Manufacturing Industries](#)

### What do I need to get in?

The school or college will decide on the entry requirements for the course. You would normally have achieved:

- **National 2 Practical Craft Skills**

### What will I study?

This course focuses on elements of practical crafts techniques and standard practice, allowing you to learn a range of practical skills, through either woodworking or metalworking (or both). You will learn how to use the correct tools and equipment and a range of materials. You will also gain an appreciation of safe working practices in a workshop environment.

The course has **three** compulsory units.

#### Working with Tools (6 SCQF credit points)

In this unit you will:

- learn about a range of common tools and equipment used in woodworking and/or metalworking
- develop skills for measuring and marking out and for preliminary cutting and shaping of materials.

#### Working with Materials (6 SCQF credit points)

In this unit you will:

- learn to work with different woodworking and/or metalworking materials
- develop skills in cutting, shaping, fixing and joining materials, using a variety of appropriate techniques.

### **Making an Item (6 SCQF credit points)**

In this unit you will:

- make an item from wood, metal or a combination of these materials
- learn to read and interpret simple working drawings, select and use tools safely
- apply appropriate finishing techniques and review your completed item.

### **How will I be assessed?**

Your work will be assessed by your teacher or tutor on an ongoing basis throughout the course. Items of work might include:

- practical work – work with tools and materials
- project work – produce an item from wood or metal.

You must pass all three units to gain the course qualification.

### **Study Materials**

### **What can I go on to next?**

- **National 4 Practical Electronics**
- **National 4 Practical Metalworking**
- **National 4 Practical Woodworking**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Art and Design
- Construction
- Engineering
- Manufacturing Industries