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:

Art and Design

Communications and Media

Construction

Engineering

Garage Services

Manufacturing Industries

Performing Arts

Property and Facilities

Transport and Distribution

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:

- skills in measuring and marking out of materials, as well as preliminary cutting and shaping work.

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 fixing and joining materials using a variety of appropriate craft 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 how to prepare surfaces and apply appropriate finishes.

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

- Communications and Media
- Construction
- Engineering
- Garage Services
- Manufacturing Industries
- Performing Arts
- Property and Facilities
- Transport and Distribution