

# Vocational Centre for International Development



**Diploma and Certificate Programme in Fashion Design  
and Clothing Industry**

**Program Code: FDCI**

**Course Brochure**

**2017/2018**

## Course Description

Fashion has the power to influence and transform the world around you. It inspires you to be bold and to make an impact through creativity and innovation. The diploma emphasizes on innovation and creativity in Fashion Design, while providing students with the technical aspects of the necessary skills for a successful career in the fashion industry. The two-year programme ensures that students have a firm foundation in research, design methodology and practical skills in drawing, communications and fashion designing. Students are introduced to the skills of construction in sewing, flat pattern drafting and illustration.

The programme is hands-on, and students are expected to make their own collection of apparels. This includes all designs worn to create a personal statement of the individual. It incorporates all production activities such as the manipulation and experimentation of textiles and trims to generate ideas that will then be translated into three-dimensional form through pattern drafting and/or draping and sewing.

## Programme outcome

After Finishing the course trainees shall be able to:

- Exhibit basic skills in pattern making/draping and garment construction to support their design
- To undertake independent study and research, self and peer evaluation and provide appropriate response to any professional situation.
- Demonstrate a personal design philosophy
- Exhibit full range of transferable skills
- Exhibit their innovative design collection with the specified target market foremost in design process

## Entry requirements

To be eligible for the VCID Diploma in Fashion Design and Clothing Industry, the students must fulfil the following conditions:

1. At least 4 O/L pass including religion and CAP
2. School leavers with existing skills in construction work (attestation of service required)

3. Minimal skill level in Mathematics (a score of 50% or higher on the elementary algebra skill portion of the VCID entry test. In case of failure to meet the required points, students will undertake a compulsory course – Math 101 and 102 concurrently with the semester 1 coursework).
4. A minimal score of 80 in the VCID entry exams for reading comprehension and writing components and a 70 in Listening and Speaking. All potential students must reach the expected bar before admission. In some cases, students may be expected to complete VCID ENG 101/102 concurrently with their semester coursework

### **Required documents**

1. Copies of certificates/diplomas
2. Copy of birth certificate
3. Copy of apprenticeship attestation if required
4. Original receipt of non-re-reimbursable application fee (10,000FCFA)
5. Copy of signed undertaking, obtainable from the centre

This is a gender under represented program and awards bonus points to male applicants at the level of admission.

### **Career opportunities**

The programme prepares students for employment in the construction industry. Completing the Diploma of Fashion Design and Clothing Industry gives you a stronger chance of gaining employment in the building industry.

Career opportunities include roles in the following areas: Fashion Designer, Fashion Editor, Fashion Illustrator, Fashion Merchandiser, Fashion Buyer, Fashion Writer, Costume Designer, Retail Display Artist etc.

**Program Duration:** 12 Calendar Months (Theory: 4 months; Practicum: 6 months and VCID Employability Programme: 2 months)

Flexible delivery arrangements (e.g. two days per week) may be made available to students with industry experience.

## Course fee and Funding

The full course fee for the complete Diploma Programme is 500,000 FCFA

- All Cameroonians and Permanent Residents aged 21 years and above and are categorized as vulnerable children can enjoy course fee reduction of up to **20%** of the course fee.
- Cameroonians or Permanent Resident employees fully sponsored by SMEs can enjoy course fee funding support of up to **30%** of the course fee under the **Enhanced Training Support Programme (ETP)** scheme, subject to eligibility criteria and availability of funds.
- Cameroonians aged 40 years and above can enjoy course fee funding of up to **50%** of the course fee under the **Skills For Future Programme (SFP)**, **subject to availability of funds.**
- Cameroonians aged 35 years and above with earnings not more than 100,000 per month can enjoy course fee funding for **25%** of the course fee under the **Workfare Training Support Programme (WTSP)** scheme based on availability of funds.
- Cameroonians aged 25 years old and above are eligible for **Skills Future Credit** which can be used to offset course fees.

## Programme structure

To achieve this qualification, the candidate must demonstrate competency in 20 units of the programme (15 core units and 5 elective units).

### Courses Outline

Course code	Course title	Course status
FDCI-200	Costume History	Core
FDCI-202	Fashion Figure Drawing	Core
FDCI-204	Introduction to Colour Studies	Core
FDCI-206	Pattern Drafting	Core
FDCI-208	Creative Fashion Illustration	Core
FDCI-210	Introduction to Fashion Photography	Core
FDCI-203	Pattern Drafting, Techniques and Manipulations	Core
FDCI-205	Garment Manufacturing Technologies	Core
FDCI-207	Fashion Forecast	Elective
FDCI-209	Fashion Design 1	Core
FDCI-300	Textile Technology	Core
FDCI-302	Embroidery & Embellishment	Core

FDCI-304	Industrial Training	Elective
FDCI-306	CAD/CAM for Fashion and Textiles	Core
FDCI-308	Fashion Management	Elective
FDCI-310	Fashion Design 2	Core
FDCI-301	Fashion Accessories & Footwear Design	Core
FDCI-303	Apparel Marketing and Retailing	Elective
FDCI-305	Fashion Design 3	Core
FDCI-307	Fashion Events and Management	Elective
FDCI-309	Portfolio Presentation	Elective
FDCI-400	Academic Communicative English 1	Core
FDCI-402	Computer Applications	Core
FDCI-404	Academic Communicative English 2	Core

### **VCID Employability Skill Programme**

At the Vocational Centre for International Development, all the students go through the employment skill development programme which comprises of the following:

- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
- Team work and group dynamics
- Problem solving techniques
- Managing difficult people
- Enterprise development and entrepreneurship
- Strategic and operational planning
- Self-management
- Basic ICT
- Development of Curriculum Vitae
- Interview techniques

### **Programme details**

Programme Code: FDCI/002/VCID/138

**Main Intakes:** January, June and September

**Course capacity:** 25 Candidates

## Facilities

- Theory Room: 65 Sq m
- Sewing lab: 120 sq m
- Computer Lab: 65 Sq m
- Drafting Lab: 120 sq m
- Dying & Printing Lab: 50 sq m