

# ABC Awards – a guide to our Arts, Design & Creative Industries VRQs



**ABC Awards (ABC) suite of Art, Design & Creative Industries vocationally related qualifications are aimed at candidates across all levels and abilities. They are all accredited by QCA and therefore eligible for LSC funding.**

These qualifications are aimed at a wide target market and provide progression routes through ABC's own portfolio and onto other vocational/national qualifications.

Vocational qualifications give candidates the ability to work individually and as part of a team, be competent in communication, IT and numeracy skills and have vocational experience in a particular sector, giving them the knowledge and skills to succeed in their chosen industry.

## **Level 2 Certificate in Carnival Skills**

This qualification recognises the importance of local and regional historical contexts in the delivery of Carnival/Technical/Street Skills. It aims to widen access to employment to people already working in the sector on a temporary, short-term, temporary or part-time basis and will give them additional skills in their area of specialism. The recommended guided learning hours over one year are 120 with 60 guided learning hours recommended over 2 years.

Candidates will be expected to have some involvement in the carnival/technical arts field and/or demonstrate interest and potential for this sector.

### **1 Mandatory Unit**

- Carnival Arts in Context

### **Choice of 3 Units from 11**

- Costume Construction
- Lighting Skills
- Make-Up
- Carnival Design
- Construction Skills
- Carnival Arts Administration
- Tableau and Mime
- Movement and Dance
- Road/Crew Operations
- Health and Safety for Carnivals
- Sound Skills

## **Level 2 Certificate in Community Arts**

This qualification is aimed at those who are employed or aspire to employment in the Community Arts sector and provides underpinning knowledge of the administrative infrastructure needed to support work within Community Arts. The qualification also offers an imaginative and varied range of options matched to the needs of those who work, or plan to work within it. The recommended guided learning hours over one year are 120 with 60 guided learning hours recommended over 2 years.

Candidates will be expected to have some involvement in the community arts field and/or demonstrate interest and potential for this sector.

### **1 Mandatory Core Unit**

- Community Arts in Context

### **Choice of 3 units from 8**

- Tableau and Mime in Community Arts
- Acting Skills
- Movement/Dance Skills
- Street Art Skills
- Vocal and Singing Skills
- Stage Management Skills
- Community Arts Administration
- Music Technology/MIDI Sequencing

## **Level 3 Diploma in Foundation Studies (Art & Design)**

This accredited qualification provides candidates with an excellent one year post-A Level diagnostic experience. Delivered flexibly, candidates are challenged to build on their skills; they are encouraged to demonstrate critical independence through a series of Pathways resulting in the realisation of a Personal Project. The duration of this qualification is 1 year full time or 2 years part time (540 hours). Candidates should normally be 18 years old at the start of the course.

### **3 Stages**

Exploratory Stage - 3 Units

- Information and Researching
- Recording and Responding
- Media Experimentation

Pathway Stage - 4 Units

- Information and Interpretation
- Combined Experimental Studies
- Media Development
- Preparation and Progression

Confirmatory Stage - 2 Units

- Integrating Theory and Practice
- Personal Confirmatory Study

## **Level 3 Diploma in Foundation Studies (Performance)**

This qualification provides candidates with an excellent one year post-A Level diagnostic experience.

Delivered flexibly, candidates are challenged to build on their skills, they are encouraged to demonstrate critical independence through a series of Pathways resulting in the realisation of a Personal Project. Recommended guided learning hours 1 year full time (540 hours) 2 years part time.

Exploratory Stage- 3 Units

- Performance in Context
- Spatial Awareness and Physical Communication
- Interactive Performance

Pathway Stage - 4 Units

- Vocal and Verbal Communication
- Combined Scene/Sequence Study
- Recorded Media
- Integrating Theory and Practice

Confirmatory Stage - 2 Units

- Preparation and Progression
- Confirmatory Study

### **Level 3 Diploma in Foundation Studies (Dance)**

The Diploma in Foundation Studies (Dance) is a pivotal programme designed to educate candidates to make informed decisions facilitating progression primarily but not exclusively to Higher Education in Dance. Foundation programmes build on a candidate's prior experience enhancing skills and linking them with ideas and challenges which will extend candidates' critical independence and enable them to demonstrate a full understanding of the opportunities in dance relevant to career choice. The recommended guided learning hours for this qualification are 570 hours.

The ABC Level 3 Diploma in Foundation Studies (Dance) is structured in three stages covering nine units which are delivered in as integrated and coherent manner as follows:

Training Stage - 3 units

- Unit 1 Ballet Technique
- Unit 2 Jazz Dance Technique
- Unit 3 Contemporary Dance Technique

Pathway Stage – 4 units

- Unit 4 Vocal Communication for the Dancer
- Unit 5 Choreography
- Unit 6 Healthy Dancing
- Unit 7 Dance and Music Studies for the Dancer

Confirmatory Stage - 2 units

- Unit 8 Preparation and Progression in Dance
- Unit 9 Confirmatory Study for Dance

### **Level 3 Diploma in Foundation Studies (Media Production)**

The Diploma in Foundation Studies (Media Production) is a pivotal programme designed to educate candidates to make informed decisions facilitating progression primarily but not exclusively to Higher Education in Media Production and related media programmes, or direct entry to the world of work in specialist media organisations. Foundation programmes build on a candidate's prior experience linking skills already acquired with ideas and challenges which will extend candidates' critical independence and enable them to demonstrate a full understanding of the opportunities in media production relevant to career choice.

The ABC Level 3 Diploma in Foundation Studies (Media Production) is structured in three stages covering nine units which are delivered in an integrated and coherent manner across three stages as follows:

Exploratory Stage - 3 units

- Unit 1 Information and Research in the Media Production Sector
- Unit 2 Recording and Responding to Media Sources
- Unit 3 Approaches to Media Production

Pathway Stage - 4 units

- Unit 4 Critical understanding of Media Production
- Unit 5 Media Convergence Technologies
- Unit 6 Media Production Development
- Unit 7 Preparation and Progression in Media Production

Confirmatory Stage -2 units

- Unit 8 Integrating Theory and Practice in Media Production
- Unit 9 Personal Confirmatory study in Media Production

### **Level 1 & 2 Certificates in Arts, Design & Creative Studies\***

The ABC Art, Design and Creative Studies qualifications are suitable for individuals of all age groups from the age of 14 years old who have an interest in developing practical skills in a chosen Art, Craft and Design discipline and who wish to explore their creative potential. They can be used as stand alone qualifications or as part of an enrichment programme. This qualification has been specifically devised to provide an introduction to developing personal creativity in an area of art, craft or design. A minimum of 90 guided learning hours for completion (minimum of 30 hours per unit).

#### **Level 1**

- Using and Handling Media and Materials
- Researching and Developing Ideas through Practical Application of Techniques
- Working to a Brief

#### **Level 2**

- Investigating Information and Developing Research Techniques
- Developing and Handling Media and Materials
- Recognising and Applying Visual Language and Formal Elements with Production Techniques
- Working to Set Briefs

**ABC Awards (ABC)** is a major provider of Vocationally Related, and National Vocational Qualifications in the UK. We work with representatives from Sector Skills Councils, QCA and industry bodies to ensure that qualifications are developed to the standards required for the National Qualifications Framework.

ABC's portfolio contains over 250 accredited qualifications and there is the opportunity for all schools, colleges and training organisations to become approved as centres to offer any number of ABC's qualifications.

ABC has a broad choice of qualifications, from Entry Level to Level 6, all offering stepping stones to success. Each qualification is assessed in a rigorous but user-friendly manner and most are in manageable bites of learning. It is ABC's aim to open up opportunities for students and to widen participation in education.

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