

NC FURNITURE



COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is practical, exploratory and experiential in nature. It combines practical woodworking techniques with elements of creativity and provides a progression route from National 5 Practical Woodworking. The course provides opportunities for learners to develop a range of practical woodworking skills and to use a variety of tools, equipment and materials. It allows them to plan activities through to the completion of finished furniture products in wood and textile. It will also give learners the opportunity to develop core skills in literacy, numeracy, employability, collaborative working and problem solving.

The aims of the course are to enable learners to:

- develop awareness of disciplines within the furniture manufacturing industry
- develop skills in planning and manufacturing furniture artifacts
- develop creative thinking and skills in visual communication
- develop employability skills for furniture manufacture
- provide opportunities for progression within the SCQF framework

AREAS OF STUDY/COURSE STRUCTURE

Much of the learning builds on prior knowledge from the Practical woodworking course. Units will be assessed through the manufacture of a range of furniture artifacts, completion of individual tasks and collaborative activities. There are a total 12 units, 8 mandatory and 4 of 6 optional, to be completed to achieve the full NC award. These units cover learning across a range of disciplines withing furniture making including manufacturing in wood, French polishing and other finishing techniques, upholstery, veneering and furniture drawing. Learners will also consider how developments in society, technologies and manufacturing techniques have impacted the design of furniture products over the last 100 years.

The units of study include:

- Workshop Practice
- Machine Woodworking
- Timber Frame Construction
- Carcase Construction
- Polishing: An Introduction
- Polishing Practice
- Polishing: Hand Finishing
- Upholstery: An Introduction
- Upholstery: Application
- Veneering: An Introduction
- Furniture Drawing: An Introduction
- Furniture in Context

In order to achieve the full NC Furniture Level 5 qualification, learners must complete 8 mandatory units and 4 of 6 optional units.

RECOMMENDED ENTRY

Candidates would normally be expected to have attained National 5 in Practical Woodworking.

ASSESSMENT

There is no exam for this course. Assessment of this NC is through a series of theoretical and practical assessments or tasks. Some assessments will be carried out under supervised open-book conditions, others under supervised closed-book conditions.

PROGRESSION

This course, or its component Units, can provide progression to other qualifications in practical technologies, further study, employment or training.

This NC will become an entry point for some candidates who could progress from school, through higher national to degree level studies.

Some of these pathways may include

- HNC Furniture
- HNC 3D Interior Design

FUTURE CAREERS

- Cabinet making
- Upholstery
- Joinery
- Set building and design
- Entry into an associated apprenticeship