



CRAFT YOUR FUTURE

FORMAL EDUCATION

There are many different routes into craft and conservation careers through formal education in schools, colleges and universities. Sometimes, this will involve a course offering very specific skills training, but other options include broader study that allow for specialisation later. Many choices about further and higher education are very personal, and it is best to research your options and speak to course tutors to find a qualification that is the right fit for you.

Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQs)

VTQs are usually offered in schools and colleges for students aged 14-19, and they can range from BTEC Diplomas to T Levels. They are practical qualifications designed to be hands-on and to provide the skills and experience for certain careers.

The [National Careers Service](#) can help you to find a suitable course near you. There is also a lot of additional information about T Levels on the [T Level website](#).

Higher Education and University

Many universities and higher education colleges offer relevant degrees in a range of craft and design practices. It is best to research a range of options to see what will suit you and your career aspirations best. Some people in the creative industries study Foundation Degrees, which often offer practical, hands-on training as well as theoretical knowledge. For some specialisations in areas like conservation, it may be more typical to undertake undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications.

You can search for courses by subject and location on the [UCAS website](#). [Discover Uni](#) has lots of advice about finance, choosing courses and applying. [Prospects](#) is a useful hub for exploring postgraduate study and work options.

Specialist Providers

A few colleges and universities specialise in arts, crafts and/or conservation, offering courses that are hands-on and vocational.

[West Dean](#): Offers qualifications from diplomas to masters degrees, as well as a range of short courses in a variety of crafts and conservation specialisms.

[Building Crafts College](#): Specialises in construction craft training and qualifications.

[City and Guilds of London Art School](#): Providing arts, crafts and conservation courses from foundation to masters level.

[Clay College](#): A specialist ceramics college providing full-time diploma courses and evening classes.

[The King's Foundation](#): Offers a range of formal and informal training programmes including Traditional Arts, Textiles and Furniture Making.