



INFORMATION PACK

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN INTERIOR DECORATING

BHC offers an accredited Higher Certificate course in Interior Decorating. The aim of this programme is to equip students with the required knowledge, skills, attitudes and values in order to contribute creatively towards the awareness of well-designed spaces as well as to enhance a client's brief.

COURSE OVERVIEW

- 1 Year Full Time - NQF 5
- 120 Credits
- All communication, facilitation, assessments and moderation are conducted in English
- Mode of instruction include lectures, tutorials, practical workplace training, assisted studio learning and industry outings.
- SAQA Reg No: 83547

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

This qualification provides the learner with a strong theoretical foundation in the decorating principles and elements, arrangement of furniture and accessories, conceptual development, decorative materials, styles and trends, and project administration.

The student is required to apply this knowledge, when critically analysing the design problem, and to construct a functional and aesthetically pleasing decorating proposal for a range of commercial and domestic interiors, that is clearly communicated (both visually and verbally) and is supported by relevant and documented research.

Upon successful completion of the programme the student will have attained a basic level of higher education knowledge in the field of interior decorating and will be prepared to competently perform as a junior interior decorator or specialize as a decor stylist, window display designer or decorating showroom consultant. The student may also choose to study further in the related disciplines of interior, textile or surface design.

PROGRAMMES	NQF	CREDITS
Interior Decorating Theory	5	24
Presentation & Communication	5	24
Decorative Materials & Furnishings	5	24
Decorative Principles & Elements	5	6
Styles & Influences	5	12
Project Administration	5	6
Experiential Learning	5	12
Preparation for Employment	5	12

ASSESSMENT

Under the broad context of outcomes based education, BHC School of Design adopts a continuous assessment approach, which includes formal and practical assessment, appropriate for the vocational relevance of the programme. Assessment criteria are clearly set out and communicated to students and all assessment outcomes are made available for verification and appeal.

Assessment of exit level courses will be conducted internally and externally by field specialists and appropriately qualified professionals.

ACADEMIC CREDIT ACCUMULATION

In order to receive the Higher Certificate: Interior Decorating (120 credits), the student must successfully demonstrate that s/he is competent in all the exit level outcomes of the programme and must have accumulated all the credits assigned to the qualification.

All programmes must reflect a minimum grade of 50% on the academic transcript in order for the student to be awarded the relevant credits. Credits will only be awarded in full and no partial credits will be awarded to any learner.

CERTIFICATION & AWARDS

Upon successful completion of the one-year full-time programme, the student will be awarded the Higher Certificate in Interior Decorating.

BHC offers awards for academic and design excellence to promote and recognise learners who excel in their studies. Students receive their certificates and awards at the annual BHC graduation ceremony held each December.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Each academic year consists of 4 terms.
- Classes are from 09h00 to 14h00.
- Students may also be required to complete various assignments and presentations in the afternoons and evenings, and are encouraged to stay and work in the studio until 17h00.
- The institution is open from 08h00 to 17h00 every day of the week, except for Public Holidays.
- Term dates for the following academic year will only be finalized towards the end of a current academic year.