

Painting and Decorating

Why study this course at Riverside College?

Our team of lecturers are experienced in all types of decorating and have a wealth of knowledge to pass on to our learners. Riverside College has developed a partnership with the Bell Group to launch the North West's only 'Bell Decorating Academy'. This partnership will offer students opportunities including specialised masterclasses by Bell Group tradesmen, work experience placements, Apprenticeships and specialist equipment and materials to aid lessons.

The purpose-built Painting and Decorating Workshop at Riverside has all of the facilities and equipment you could hope for to achieve the best results. We are associated with Dulux and held the regional heat of the Dulux young apprentice of the year competition, which is the biggest heat in England. Our team of lecturers are experienced in all types of decorating and have a wealth of knowledge to pass on to our learners.

Are there any costs associated with this course?

Each learner will require a Riverside College hi vis polo t-shirt, bib and brace overalls, safety boots, writing equipment and a ring binder with note paper. Each learner will be asked to purchase a Hamilton Acorn 7-piece brush kit to enable them to progress during the course, this will be explained in the College induction.

Enrichment opportunities

The College has a full enrichment programme and all learners are expected to make the most of their time with us, why not enjoy your free time with your tutor group. New enrichment activities include; various sports tournaments, table tennis, X-Box competitions, remote control model racing. There will also be various trips and visits throughout the year.

Work experience

During the course all learners are encouraged to gain work experience in order to make the transition to the workplace as smooth as possible.

The practical work you will undertake will prepare you for real life situations. You will also complete out of college projects designed to support the community and allow you to gain valuable experience on site.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is carried out on all practical tasks throughout the year. You will also be assessed through online and paper-based theory exams at the end of each theory unit.



Constructions Skills Centre Outstanding workshops and facilities

Students studying construction courses at Riverside College will benefit from the exceptional workshops and facilities in our £3.6 million Construction Skills Centre. We offer training in a wide range of trades including plumbing, carpentry & joinery, brickwork, electrical installation and painting & decorating.



Unique Construction Experience

- Work experience for all students
- Extensive links with local and national employers including Halton Housing, Bell Group, Johnstone's Paints, Dulux, Wolseley (formerly Plumb Centre), Paslode, Travis Perkins, Metso, Bloor Homes and Jewson
- Take part in WorldSkills and other regional and national competitions
- Industry standard equipment including a new Gas Training Centre

Painting and Decorating Level 1 Diploma - 1 Year

Entry Requirements

Four GCSEs grade 9 – 2, including Maths and English Language.

What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- The preparation of different surfaces and substrates
- Applying paint systems by brush and roller
- The application of different types of finishes
- Apply foundation and plain papers
- Produce specialist decorative finishes
- Communication skills required to work with others in the workplace

What will this course lead on to?

The successful completion of this Painting and Decorating course could lead to Level 2 Diploma in Painting and Decorating or an Apprenticeship.

Painting and Decorating Level 2 Diploma - 1 Year

Entry Requirements

Four GCSEs grade 9 – 3 including Maths and English Language. Or the completion of a Level 1 Diploma in Painting and Decorating. Plus grade 9 – 3 in English Language and Maths.

What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- The preparation of different surfaces and substrates
- Apply wallpaper to a ceiling, chimney breast, feature wall and window wall
- Create various decorative finishes including marble, wood grain and stencils
- The theory behind colour and demonstrate how to mix colours
- Apply paint using the correct techniques – doors, windows, ceilings, and walls
- Applying paint systems by brush and roller to complex areas
- Erecting and dismantling access equipment and working platforms
- Communication skills required to work with others in the workplace

What will this course lead on to?

The successful completion of this Painting and Decorating course could lead to Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Painting and Decorating or an Apprenticeship.



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