

CAREERS IN

FASHION & TEXTILES

If you're passionate about clothing and want to show off your artistic side then this is the career path for you. You'll use your taste and knowledge to create the latest styles for the catwalk and the high street, or get hands on with fabrics and other materials in a more technical role. Jobs in this sector include...

- Knitwear designer
- Fashion designer
- Garment or pattern cutter
- Textile technologist.

HOW MUCH WILL I GET PAID?

Most entry-level fashion design roles will have a starting salary of around **£18,000** to **£22,000**, rising to between **£25,000** and **£40,000** with experience. Entry-level textile workers can earn up to **£15,000**, with more experienced workers and managerial positions earning up to **£35,000**.

HOW CAN I GET INTO THE INDUSTRY?

Most roles will require a relevant higher education qualification, so a foundation degree, HNC/HND or a degree is a must. Having knowledge of the industry beforehand is also essential, so it's important to do your research and find out as much as you can about the path you're interested in pursuing. If you already have experience and an interest in managerial positions then you may already have many of the transferable skills needed for entering the industry.

KEY FACTS

The fashion and textiles industry employs around **156,000** people in the UK

• **20,000** workers use design skills in their role

• There are around **35,000** fashion and textiles businesses in the UK.



WHAT MAKES BEDFORD COLLEGE STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD?

92%

of students would recommend us

£450

travel bursary to help you with the cost of getting to college

Benefit from an
outstanding education

as rated by Ofsted

91%

of students progressed on to employment or further study after completing an Art & Design course with us

£15+ million

recently invested in our facilities to give you an outstanding experience

FASHION & TEXTILES NOT FOR YOU?

Don't worry, we have over 70 different full-time courses and apprenticeships, so there is sure to be something to suit you.

Just visit www.bedford.ac.uk to find out more.

FACILITIES

Our state of the art South Bank Arts Centre is the perfect place to turn your passion for fashion and textiles into a successful career. It's packed full of industry-standard equipment and first class teaching facilities, and even has its own art gallery to showcase your work to the public.



FASHION & TEXTILES QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING...

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Levels 4/5
Entry requirements	An interest in art and design, and some evidence of studying at GCSE level.	Art & Design BTEC Level 1 Diploma, or 3 GCSEs at grades A*-D (including Art & Design and English).	Art & Design BTEC Level 2 Diploma, or 4 GCSEs at grades A*-C (including English language).	BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma or Foundation Diploma in Art & Design or an equivalent Level 3 qualification.
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WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

The best way to discover what life at our College is really like is to come along to one of our open days – you can take a tour, talk to tutors and support staff, and have a chat with some of our current students.

We're open throughout the year – just visit

www.bedford.ac.uk/events

to find out the latest dates.

Sources: Bedford College Destinations Survey 2012 leavers, National Careers Service

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