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Teacher assistant in related field at both primary and secondary level education, Entrepreneurs, Soft furnishing and upholstered designer, interior designers, sales advisor, interior designer and decorator, senior soft furnishing designer, sewing machinist, retail sales merchandiser and housekeeping assistant.



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SEYCHELLES INSTITUTE OF ART AND DESIGN (SIAD)



Programme Diploma in Soft Furnishing and Upholstery for Interior Design

Graduates who meet criteria for the scholarship scheme award can apply for a Bachelor's Degree at university level or an internship programme with other institutions abroad.

Career Prospects for learners exiting at Advanced Certificate Level may include but not limited to:

(It is to be noted that candidates who complete a programme at Advanced Certificate Level will require general supervision from others to complete tasks or take decisions).

Teacher assistant in related field at primary level, Entrepreneur, assistant to Soft Furnishing and Upholsterers, assistant to interior designers and sales assistant in related career.

Career Prospects for learners who successfully complete the Soft Furnishing and Upholstery Diploma Programme may include but not limited to:

(Please note that candidates who complete training at Diploma Level are able to work without

Mandate

The mandate of the Seychelles Institute of Art and Design is to prepare and train learners to service the growing needs of the creative and cultural industries in Seychelles and beyond.

Rationale

The Diploma Soft Furnishing and Upholstery for Interior Design plays an important role at the level of tertiary education and training, in that it provides learners with the necessary skills and knowledge essential for the world of work. It is to be noted that such a programme is also aimed at providing manpower required for sustaining economic growth while promoting innovative and creative ideas, given that soft furnishing and upholstery for interior design are products of contemporary society.

Soft furnishing and upholstery for interior design is in great demand around the world including Seychelles. This is because our society is finely tuned and abreast with the ever-changing trends happening in the world, and for economic reasons. As such, this programme is an opportunity for new entrepreneurs to embark on new ventures by setting up own businesses and to create employment.

As a small island nation, we are bound to think outside the box if we want to safeguard a more sustainable future. It is obvious that the existing market for purchasing new furniture and other home furnishings will be severely affected due to a lack of foreign currencies and other measures being put in place by the banks and government.

Some of the units being taught

- Explore 2&3-dimensional drawing techniques
- Undertake project-based work in Soft Furnishing and Upholstery
- Produce basic soft furnishing accessories
- Construct unlined curtains/drapes
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- Manufacture bedspreads
- Manufacture bed linen and table cloths
- Follow patterns to produce soft furnishing accessories
- Cut and fabricate foam and fibre for upholstery
- Identify fabrics commonly used in upholstery and produce templates for marking and cutting materials for a furniture item
- Hand fill cushions in upholstery
- Critique an art/design work using knowledge of critical and contextual studies in Soft Furnishing and Upholstery

Entry Criteria

Examinations: IGCSE Academic Pathway:
International Examinations: IGCSE
Minimum grade D for IGCSE Art
Or
Minimum grade D for IGCSE Design and Technology

English at minimum grade D as second language
Minimum grade E for Mathematics,
DELTA A2 or Equivalent, 60% or better at French IGCSE
Others: Portfolio of Art & Design work
Candidates who have sat for the A Level Art & Design examination at AS Level.

Candidates who have successfully completed Secondary Education with a minimum of 2 years work experience in related field.
Graduates of other Professional Centres who have completed an advanced certificate level programme and demonstrated proficiency (pass mark) in IGCSE Art, English, Maths and DELTA A2 or equivalent 60% French.
Graduates who have successfully completed a Certificate Programme in Fashion and Textile either with Credits or Distinctions.

Portfolio of art and design work and interview.

Technical Pathway

Learners can exit upon completion of the Advanced Certificate level or proceed to another year to complete the programme at Diploma level.

Upon successful completion of the Advanced Certificate Programme, learners who have passed are able to proceed to the Diploma level.

Learners who successfully complete the programme at Diploma level can join SITE for a teaching qualification in Art and Design at secondary level.