

COURSE GUIDE

Certificate IV in Interior Decoration

MSF40118 Certificate IV in Interior Decoration

The MSF40118 Certificate IV in Interior Decoration will equip you with thorough understanding of the fundamentals of interior decoration, as well as the skills needed to run your own business in the industry.

Why study this course?

- During the course, you'll receive a professional design kit (<https://www.opencolleges.edu.au/design-kits/certificate-iv-interior-decoration-E1358>) to ensure you have all the tools you need to bring your designs to life.
- Your course fees include a student membership to the Design Institute of Australia, the peak body for design professionals in Australia. Membership benefits are available for the duration of your course and include access to state events, newsletters, and networking opportunities, among others.
- If you are looking to pursue more advanced qualifications, this Certificate IV could provide a pathway into further study, including the Diploma of Interior Design (<https://www.opencolleges.edu.au/courses/design/interior-design/diploma-of-interior-design>).
- When you graduate you will have a nationally recognised qualification that you can use to gain work all across Australia.
- You will be supported through your course by a team of industry-experienced Trainers and Assessors who are hugely passionate about the industry and fully committed to helping you develop your skills.

Course number

E1358

Qualification name

MSF40118 Certificate IV in Interior Decoration

Course duration

Maximum 24 months

Recommended hours per week

9.5

Qualification level

Certificate IV

Delivery method

Online

Recognition

Nationally Recognised



Assessments

Portfolio, Presentations, Projects, Questioning

Awarded by

Open Colleges Pty Ltd (Provider number:
90796)

About the course

The industry

According to the Australian Government Job Outlook (<http://www.joboutlook.gov.au>), the demand for other technicians and trades workers which include Interior Decorators grew very strongly over the last 5 years. This demand is expected to continue to grow by over 10% from 2018 to 2023, which will create new opportunities for Open Colleges' graduates.

Who this course is for

This course is a perfect entry point into interior design and decoration for people with no experience and who want to start a career in the industry.

This qualification is also perfect if you have been working in the industry for a while and need a way to formalise your experience and take the next step in your career, or want to start your own interior design or decoration consultancy.

If you are an existing worker or have experience in the related industry, please inform our enrolment consultants during your enrolment conversation as you may be eligible to enrol as an existing worker and may be able to complete your studies faster.

Potential career outcomes

- Independent/Freelance Interior Decoration Consultant (Styling Services, Colour Consultant)
- Junior Interior Designer
- Retail Assistant (tiling, homewares, lighting, soft furnishings, custom kitchen and bathroom fit-outs)

What you'll learn

- You will learn how to use colour, space and furnishings to create inspired interiors. You'll also gain the skills to produce drawings to communicate your ideas to clients.
- The course will introduce you to architectural styles and movements, and will teach you how to research and recommend furniture, accessories, soft furnishings, hard materials and finishes.
- During your studies you will also identify materials, construction techniques and methods used in building interiors.
- If you're hoping to start your own interior decoration consultancy, this course will give you the skills to monitor and manage small business operations.

Learning materials

Your learning materials include:

- Online learning materials
- Textbooks:
 - Interior Design Illustrated, Ching, Frank (ISBN 978-1-118-09071-8)
 - Interior Design – Visual Presentation, Mitton, Maureen (ISBN 978-0-470-61902-5)
- Multi-media including instructional videos and other curated online resources
- Course forums

You will also be sent two student drawing packs over the duration of your course which includes:

- 4x Link Pens
- A3 Sketch Pad 110gms cartridge paper 100pp
- Scale Ruler
- A3 Visual Diary
- A3 Black Diary
- A3 Tracing Paper Pad 65gsm 25 sheets
- A3 White Foam Core
- Set Square
- Graphite Sketch Set
- Glue Tape removable
- Brush Bundle Pack
- 12 Well Paint Pallet
- Coloured Pencils 12 pack

- A3 Foamboard 5mm - Black on Black
- Colour Wheel
- 3x Graphic Marker Pens
- Gouache Colour CMYK

Industry relationships

Membership

Students of this course will receive a membership to these organisation(s)



Course trainers



Vicki Berglinden

Vicki is an Interior Designer with over 15 years experience in the industry. With a background in fine arts and a Bachelor in Design (Honours), she enjoys the creative process to deliver functional and beautiful spaces. Throughout her career she has worked with numerous local and international projects in residential, retail, commercial and exhibition design. With a passion for Creativity, Design and Education, Vicki loves supporting students to reach their dreams.



Zaid Kilani

Zaid started working in the Interior Design field for an elite custom furniture company, focusing on 3D modelling in furniture and interior design for both commercial and residential projects. He followed his passion for interior design and 3D modelling and now has years of experience, having worked on a variety of different interior design and furniture design projects. This experience enabled him to expand his knowledge of a variety of CAD, 3D modelling and rendering software. His passion for design drove him to start his own interior design studio. He loves to share his knowledge and spread his passion of design with students.

Academic information

Once you are enrolled in this course, you will receive access to the first Module, which contains the first set of units for the course. When you have successfully completed those units, you'll be given access to the next Module.

Modules 1 - 9 have been released and are now available. The subsequent modules will be available by the following dates:

Modules 10 & 11: May 2020

Module 12: June 2020

Open Colleges may make changes to the course from time to time to reflect changes introduced to the relevant Training Package or other regulatory requirements.

Elements and principles

BSBDES302

Explore and apply the creative design process to 2D forms

- Source information on 2-dimensional design
- Explore the creative design process for 2-dimensional forms
- Communicate concepts or ideas through application of design processes to 2-dimensional forms

CUAACD303

Produce technical drawings

- Prepare for technical drawing work
 - Create technical drawings
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Architectural styles

BSBDES303

Explore and apply the creative design process to 3D forms

- Source information on 3-dimensional design
- Explore the creative design process for 3-dimensional forms
- Communicate concepts or ideas through application of design processes to 3-dimensional forms

MSFID4019

Research interior decoration and design influences

- Plan research
 - Gather and analyse information on interior decoration and design influences
 - Maintain currency with design and decoration movements and styles
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Developing concepts

CUAACD301

Produce drawings to communicate ideas

- Plan drawing work
- Experiment to represent ideas
- Create drawings

BSBCRT501

Originate and develop concepts

- Evaluate and explore needs and opportunities
 - Develop a range of creative approaches
 - Refine concepts
 - Develop concepts to an operational level
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Exploring colour

MSFID4016

Design colour schemes for interior and exterior spaces

- Assess colour requirements for the project
- Research colour schemes for interiors
- Explore colour schemes
- Finalise and present colour scheme

BSBDES301

Explore the use of colour

- Source information on colour and colour theory
 - Experiment with colour
 - Communicate concepts and ideas through use of colour
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Interior styling service

MSFID5018

Provide interior styling service

- Confirm services with client
 - Determine project requirements
 - Develop ideas and select preferred solutions
 - Specify confirmed style
 - Style the space
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Ethics and sustainability

MSFGN4001

Research and meet ethical and compliance requirements

- Research information
- Use information in work practice
- Maintain currency of knowledge

MSMENV272

Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices

- Identify current resource use and environmental issues
 - Comply with environmental regulations
 - Seek opportunities to improve environmental practices and resource efficiency
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Preparing a resource library

Please note that the learning for unit MSFID4021: Design soft furnishing solutions for interior spaces is spread across 3 Modules - Preparing a resource library, Furnitures, soft furnishings and accessories and Making recommendation to your client

MSFID4017

Research and recommend furniture and accessories

- Determine project requirements
- Research furniture and accessories options
- Refine ideas and select preferred solution
- Make recommendations to client

MSFID4021

Design soft furnishing solutions for interior spaces

- Determine project requirements
 - Research soft furnishing options
 - Refine ideas and select preferred solution
 - Make recommendation to client
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Furnitures, soft furnishings and accessories

MSFID4017

Research and recommend furniture and accessories

- Determine project requirements
- Research furniture and accessories options
- Refine ideas and select preferred solution
- Make recommendations to client

MSFID4021

Design soft furnishing solutions for interior spaces

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Making recommendation to your client

MSFID4017

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MSFID4021

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Decorating residential interiors

MSFID4012

Decorate residential interiors

- Analyse the project brief
 - Conduct research for the design
 - Generate decoration concepts
 - Design the space
 - Revise and refine solution
 - Present decoration solution
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Preparing a materials board

MSFID4015

Prepare materials and finishes boards for client presentation

- Identify presentation requirements from project brief
 - Prepare boards
 - Prepare for client presentation
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Managing your design business

BSBDES401

Generate design solutions

- Define the design challenge
- Undertake research to inform the design solution
- Communicate and collaborate with others
- Generate ideas and responses to the design challenge
- Select a design solution

BSBSMB420

Evaluate and develop small business operations

- Review and evaluate operational strategies and procedures
 - Implement operational strategies and procedures
 - Evaluate business performance
 - Review business operations
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Assessment details

- Portfolio
- Presentations
- Projects
- Questioning

Recognition of Prior Learning

We understand that you may already have many skills and areas of expertise that you have obtained in different ways and these are recognised through our Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process.

Open Colleges has developed an RPL application kit for this course.

The Student Handbook, available in the Key Student Information section of our website, provides more information about our RPL process. Alternatively, you can contact an Enrolment Consultant to discuss your RPL options.

Course duration

The duration for the course is maximum 24 months. As a self-paced online course, the time it will take you to complete is flexible and dependent on ability and time available.

Qualification awarded

Upon successful completion of this course you will receive a nationally recognised MSF40118 Certificate IV in Interior Decoration from Open Colleges Pty Ltd (Provider number: 90796).

Requirements

Entry requirements

There are no training package entry requirements for this qualification.

To successfully complete this course, Open Colleges recommends that students:

- Be over 18 years of age
- Have language, literacy and numeracy skills that ensures the ability to read and comprehend technical terms and communicate effectively through email. These skills are equivalent to those that would be required to successfully complete year 12
- Have access to a modern computer with high-speed internet
- Have basic computing skills including the ability to make a short video

Students who indicate on their enrolment form that they do not meet any of the above recommendations are contacted by the admissions team for further assessment before enrolment is confirmed. Where required, this may include completing a Language Literacy and Numeracy skills assessment.

Audio-Visual Requirements

Learners need access to a digital camera, and related software, for taking photos for design tasks, projects and documenting the design processes.

Simulated Workplace Requirements

It is essential that learners have access to a specific place where they undertake their assessment activities. This work area should be designed as a home office area or design studio. Learners will be asked to submit photographic evidence of their simulated workplace facility prior to assessment in Module 1.

The simulated workplace facility may include tools, equipment and resources, including:

- workstation/layout table and drawing board (MDF board with set squares and T-Square as a minimum)
- ergonomic chair
- bookshelves
- filing system
- desk lamp
- computer (see computer requirements above)
- internet access (see computer requirements above)
- storage for drawing equipment.

Learners will also need:

- access to an A4 – A3 printer or photocopier
- access to a high-resolution colour printer
- access to a high resolution, large format scanner

Language, Literacy and Numeracy

Our free online assessment tool can help give you an idea of the language, literacy and numeracy skills needed to study a VET course. This tool can also help you determine your learning level and help you plan your future studies. You can access the Language, Literacy and Numeracy tool here (<http://www.opencolleges.edu.au/online-learning-assessment>).

Payment options

Pay in full

If you pay your course fees up-front in full, you'll benefit from a discount. When you pay in full, we don't have to spend extra money on administration for tasks such as payment plan processing. Instead, we get to pass this saving onto you in the form of a discount.

zipMoney Payment Plan

If you need a little more flexibility in your finances, and want to pay off your course fees over a longer period of time, we can assist by organising zipMoney to pay your course fees directly to us on your behalf, and you pay this loan back to ZipMoney over a period of agreed time with them. zipMoney provides you flexible options of selecting a 24, 36 or 48 months interest-free* payment plan (dependant on which course you are enrolling into) to suit your lifestyle, giving you more flexibility than ever before.

Payment Plan

Pay for your course in weekly or fortnightly instalments. By paying in instalments, you can schedule your payments around your regular outgoings and get ahead without breaking the bank. Open Colleges payment plans are interest-free.

Studying online with Open Colleges

Flexibility - study at your own pace

When you study online with Open Colleges you're in control.

You can choose to complete your course quickly or keep to a steady pace, and with no deadlines or schedules to stick to, fitting your learning around your everyday commitments is easy.

Everything you need to study is online so you can study wherever you like – but that doesn't mean you're on your own.

OpenSpace is our purpose-built online learning platform. It's where you'll go to access your learning materials, contact your expert trainers and assessors, upload your assessments and find all the support and motivation you need to keep going from the OC community.

Your online community

What is OpenSpace?

Open Colleges offers you a custom-designed online-learning platform called OpenSpace.

Your learning platform is the heart of your study experience. This is where you'll navigate through your course materials, contact your trainers and assessors, and connect with other online students.

What can you do in OpenSpace?

OpenSpace provides you with a secure, interactive learning environment that allows you to access a wealth of learning resources. In OpenSpace you can:

- Access all your course materials, including videos and other digital resources
- Complete the learning activities related to your course
- Get the latest news about Open Colleges and your course
- Get to know your fellow students by posting in the course forums, and find a 'Study Buddy'
- Connect with your Trainers and Assessors
- Access extensive online libraries for research
- Upload your assessments, view feedback, and access your grades

It's just like a real campus – but it's available anywhere and anytime.

How to get support

Academic support

Your experienced trainers are available in **OpenSpace** to answer any questions you may have regarding the learning materials or assessments.

Your training operations manager can also provide you with advice and support regarding the overall course.

Student support

The student support team is your one-stop service centre for all student administrative issues – including enrolment, change of contact details, OpenSpace support, assessment results and certification.

You can access the student support team in **OpenSpace** or by **email** or **phone**.

Online Community Support Officers

Your friendly in-platform support officers help students make the most out of their OpenSpace learning experience through managing the discussion forums, providing orientation and study skill webinars, and one-to-one support calls.

Peer support

As a student of Open Colleges you will join a community of over 65,000 people who are also studying online. Through OpenSpace you can connect and collaborate with others to share study tips and advice.

Our students find this is a great way to keep motivated and build lasting friendships and networks.

Work Placement Support

If your course contains work placement, the work placement support team can provide you with support, advice and resources if you encounter difficulties in securing a workplace for your work placement.

You can access the work placement support team via your trainer and assessor or the student support team.

About Open Colleges

Our history and heritage

Open Colleges has been delivering quality education for over 100 years. During this time, we have honed our unique learning model to become Australia's leader in online learning.

We've achieved this by continuously evolving our approach to meet the needs of our learners by offering flexible, accessible, affordable and supportive courses.

So far, we have helped over 700,000 people gain the skills to launch, change or take the next step in their careers.

All of us at Open Colleges put the student at the centre of everything we do, whether that's helping you find the right course, designing a new course, making improvements to our online campus or giving the support you need to reach your goals.

Commitment to quality

December 2013 saw Open Colleges Australia (the holding company of Open Colleges Pty Ltd) become part of Apollo Education Group, Inc.

Being part of Apollo gives Open Colleges access to the expertise, experience and educational resources of the University of Phoenix (USA), Institute of Professional Development (USA), BPP University (UK) and other institutions in the Apollo global network.

Our ongoing partnerships and place within the Apollo family ensure we continue to deliver a student experience that's best in class.

With Open Colleges you can:

- Study nationally recognised qualifications
- Choose from over 100 online courses
- Fit study around your family or work commitments
- Enrol 365 days of the year
- Find a payment option that works for you
- Get academic and student support – online or over the phone
- Join a community of thousands of like-minded students

Get in touch

Still got a question?

Call an Enrolment Consultant on 1300 857 932 for more details about this course and the enrolment process.

It's our priority to ensure you enrol in the perfect course so an Enrolment Consultant will be in touch shortly to discuss your specific goals and what you want to achieve through studying online. They'll clearly explain the course options that would suit you best and why they would work for you and talk you through how online learning with Open Colleges works.
