Visual Art Careers: Fine Arts & Studio Careers

Career Pathway Overview: Fine arts and studio careers focus on creating original works of art and developing a personal artistic voice. These artists often work independently, exhibit in galleries, or collaborate with art organizations. https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/

Related Careers: - Painter - Sculptor - Illustrator - Printmaker - Ceramic Artist - Mixed Media Artist - Muralist - Photographer - Gallery Artist / Exhibiting Artist - Art Studio Technician

College Art/Design Majors That Align: - Fine Arts (BFA) - Studio Art - Painting - Drawing - Sculpture - Printmaking - Photography - Ceramics - Illustration - Art History (supporting field)

Priority Art/Design Courses @ CFHS: - Visual Art Foundations (or CAPP 101 Elements of Art) - PP: Drawing and Digital Illustration - PP: 2D Design Photography - Ceramics - AP Art & Design (may be taken 3 times/years as 2-D Design, Drawing, 3-D Design)

Other Aligned Art/Design Courses @ CFHS to consider: Visual Arts & Crafts - Adv. Ceramics - AP Art History or CAPP 105 Understanding the Arts - Sculpture - Art for Therapy & Wellness

Other Skills for Success: - Creative problem-solving - Time management & self-discipline - Public speaking & presentation skills - Basic business/entrepreneurship (billing, marketing, contracts) - Networking & collaboration - Critical thinking & art critique skills - Goal-setting & project management

Sample Portfolio Expectations for Art School Admission & Scholarships: - 10–20 strong, original pieces (no fan art) - Observational drawing (still life, figure drawing, interiors) - A variety of media (paint, drawing, mixed media, sculpture) - Personal voice and creativity - Process work or sketchbook pages showing idea development - Finished pieces that demonstrate technique and craftsmanship - A written artist statement or reflection

Visual Art Careers: Digital, Media & Design Careers

Career Pathway Overview: Digital and media artists create content using technology for entertainment, marketing, gaming, and communication industries. https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/

Related Careers: - Graphic Designer - Digital Illustrator - Animator (2D or 3D) - Video Game Artist / Concept Artist - UX/UI Designer - Web Designer - Digital Photographer / Photo Editor - Film/Video Editor - Motion Graphics Designer - Virtual Reality (VR) Artist

College Art/Design Majors That Align: - Graphic Design - Animation (2D/3D) - Game Art & Design - Digital Media / Digital Arts - Film Production - Media Arts - Photography (Digital) - Web Design & Development - UX/UI Design - Computer Graphics

Priority Art/Design Courses @ CFHS: - Visual Art Foundations (or CAPP 101 Elements of Art) - Graphics 1 - PP: Drawing and Digital Illustration - PP: 2D Design Photography - Graphics 2 Photoshop - Computer Imagery & Animation

Other Aligned Art/Design Courses @ CFHS to consider: AP Art & Design (may be taken 3 times/years as 2-D Design, Drawing, 3-D Design) - Digital Media Art - Graphics 2 Illustrator - Advanced Computer Imagery & Animation, AP Art History or CAPP 105 Understanding the Arts

Other Skills for Success: - Technical software proficiency (Adobe Creative Cloud, 3D software, video editing) - Problem-solving & troubleshooting - Communication & collaboration skills - Digital literacy & technology adaptability - Storytelling & visual communication - Attention to detail & deadline management - Understanding of marketing and user behavior

Sample Portfolio Expectations for Art School Admission & Scholarships: - 10–20 drawing, digital or mixed-media pieces - Software proficiency examples (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere, Blender, etc.) - Animation clips, motion graphics, or short reel (for animation/video) - UX/UI case studies showing research, wireframes, and prototypes - Concept art, character design, or digital paintings (for game art) - Demonstration of originality, creativity, and technical skill - Sketches showing process and problem-solving

Visual Art Careers: Applied & Industrial Art Careers

Career Pathway Overview: Applied arts focus on design that serves functional, industrial, or commercial purposes. These careers blend creativity with engineering, construction, or manufacturing. https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/

Related Careers: - Industrial Designer - Product Designer - Fashion Designer - Textile Designer - Interior Designer - Architecture / Architectural Drafting - Landscape Architect - Set Designer (Theater/Film) - Exhibition Designer - Furniture Designer

College Art/Design Majors That Align: - Industrial Design - Product Design - Fashion Design / Apparel Design - Textile Design - Interior Design - Architecture - Landscape Architecture - Theater Design / Set Design - Engineering (for technical product design) - Environmental Design

Priority Art/Design Courses @ CFHS: - Visual Art Foundations (or CAPP 101 Elements of Art) - Design Fundamentals - PP: Drawing and Digital Illustration - PP: 2D Design Photography - AP Art & Design (may be taken 3 times/years as 2-D Design, Drawing, 3-D Design) - Intro. to CAD/Fab Lab

Other Aligned Art/Design Courses @ CFHS to consider: Sculpture - Visual Arts & Crafts - Ceramics - Advanced Ceramics - Aligned Technology Education Classes

Other Skills for Success: - Spatial reasoning & 3D thinking - Technical drawing & drafting - Math, physics, and engineering basics (depending on field) - Collaboration with builders, engineers, and manufacturers - Research & prototyping skills - Budgeting & project management - Strong communication for presenting design concepts

Sample Portfolio Expectations for Art School Admission & Scholarships: - 10–20 pieces demonstrating design thinking - Technical drawings, blueprints, or CAD renderings - Sketches showing ideation and brainstorming - Models, mock-ups, or prototypes (photos are fine) - Fashion students: garments, textile samples, lookbooks, and pattern work - Architecture students: perspective drawings, floor plans, spatial studies - Process documentation and clear problem–solution explanations

Visual Art Careers: Art Education, Therapy & Community Arts Careers

Career Pathway Overview: These careers focus on teaching, supporting well-being through creativity, and fostering arts engagement in communities.
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Related Careers: - Art Teacher (Elementary, Middle, or High School) - Art Professor - Teaching Artist - Art Therapist* - Creative Arts Activities Coordinator - Museum Educator - Community Arts Program Director - After-School Arts Coordinator - Art Studio Manager - Arts Nonprofit Worker

College Art/Design Majors That Align: - Art Education (K-12 Licensure) - Art Therapy* (or Psychology + Art for undergraduate) - Studio Art (for Teaching Artist roles) - Museum Studies - Arts Administration / Arts Management - Community Arts - Education (General, with art electives)

Priority Art/Design Courses @ CFHS: - Visual Art Foundations (or CAPP 101 Elements of Art) - PP: Drawing and Digital Illustration - PP: 2D Design Photography - Art for Therapy & Wellness - Ceramics - AP Art & Design (may be taken 3 times/years as 2-D Design, Drawing, 3-D Design) AP Art History or CAPP 105 Understanding the Arts

Other Aligned Art/Design Courses @ CFHS to consider: Visual Arts & Crafts - Sculpture - Digital Media Art - Graphics 1 - Advanced Ceramics + *Education & Psychology Courses*

Other Skills for Success: - Communication & public speaking - Classroom management & leadership - Empathy and interpersonal skills - Organization & planning - Understanding of child development or psychology - Collaboration with families, schools, and community partners - Grant writing, budgeting, and nonprofit management (for community arts) - Education (General, with art electives)

Sample Portfolio Expectations for Art School Admission & Scholarships: - 10–15 strong pieces showing breadth of skills including drawing - Sketches or reflections that show creativity and personal growth - Artwork demonstrating understanding of media and technique - Pieces showing expression, emotion, or therapeutic intention (for Art Therapy) - Evidence of community involvement or arts leadership (optional but valuable) - Written reflections or teaching philosophy (for scholarships & education programs) (for community arts) - Education (General, with art electives)

**Art Therapy requires a graduate degree and specific licensure.*