



North Highland College University of the Highlands and Islands

NPA Creative Industries – National 5 (SCQF 5)

Overview of course

Students will focus on developing basic knowledge and understanding of practical aspects of creative industries. They will be prepared for more advanced studies within music, sound production, theatre, performance and TV.

Entry requirements/criteria

- An interest in working with music or within the creative industries sector
- Satisfactory reference and interview
- Three national 4 qualifications

Additional attributes North Highland College UHI would look for

Some prior knowledge of the creative industry will be advantageous for students undertaking this course but this is not essential.

Students will be expected to -

- Be prepared to work hard all session
- Catch up on work missed if they are absent
- Ask for help if they need it
- Revise throughout the session
- Access and use the virtual learning environment

Therefore, the following attributes and skills are important for applicants –

- Motivation for learning
- Commitment to take personal responsibility for learning
- Confidence to ask questions
- Dedication to completing work out with class
- Basic IT skills
- Independent study skills

What can students do after this course?

On completion students can progress up to Music Performance, Sound Production, Film Making or Creative Writing with the North Highland College UHI.

Additional information on this course for Guidance Teachers

Creative Industries is an excellent choice for any student who wants to know more about the industry and the jobs available and is looking to enhance their skills in this area. People working in the creative industries have to know about and be active in many aspects of the industry to make a living; the course breadth will prepare students for the world of work and further study in any of the creative subjects. The depth of understanding and application required to pass the course will place students at a significant advantage when pursuing further study or work in any subject area.

The course involves a lot of practical work where students will need to commit to regular private study in between classes to consolidate their learning. Since learners will be expected to take greater responsibility for their own learning and the development of their study skills, this course offers excellent preparation for any student considering progression to college or university study in any subject.

This course will be particularly suited to students who enjoy being creative and using a variety of modern technology to create.

Guidance teachers can help students think through these implications and assess their commitment and study skills to determine the level of course that would be most suitable for them.