



BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) Photography - CA501

(UCAS Course Code W640/Institution Code W73)

If you are only applying for one course which is at Wirral Met, you can apply online. If you are applying for more than one course outside of Wirral Met, you must apply via UCAS.

This course provides a thorough grounding in the key concepts and practical skills required in the area of photography.

This Photography course is taught at our multi-million pound [Twelve Quays campus](#) in Birkenhead.

COURSE DETAILS

You will learn about the various applications of photography, such as fashion, advertising and landscapes, using both film and digital platforms. You will research and discuss the work of key photographers and learn how to analyse their technique and style as well as developing your own photographic skills.

Units covered:

Year 1

- Professional Development
- Contextual Studies
- Individual Project
- Techniques and Processes
- Lighting for Photography
- Photographic Practices
- Darkroom Photography

- Visual Narratives

Year 2

- Professional Practice
- Applied practice - Collaborative Project
- Advanced Photography Studies
- Advanced Art Practice Studies
- Art Direction

Timetables of study and assessment calendars will be available in course handbooks, provided following enrolment. HND Photography students typically partake in classroom-based work two days a week. Class groups are expected to contain around 10-12 students.

The programme's specification with further information about how the course is assessed and put together can be found [here](#).

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Entry is open to students with relevant qualifications, detailed below.

Students who do not satisfy the entry criteria may be eligible by virtue of their motivation and relevant experience. Learners who enter with at least one of the following are likely to benefit more readily from an art and design programme: a BTEC National in an art and design subject, appropriate supporting passes (C/4 and above) at GCSE and appropriate work experience. Applicants are required to present a portfolio of their work and will be interviewed before being accepted onto the course.

If English is not your first language, you may need an assessment before enrolling on this course. To discuss further, please contact the ESOL department on 0151 551 7144.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Students are required to have a DSLR camera and an external hard drive. Course staff can provide further information and recommendations regarding specific purchases during interview.

ASSESSMENT METHOD

Assessment will be through a carefully selected mix of assignments and portfolio reviews. A selection of units on the course will be assessed through student presentations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The course includes trips which students will be expected to make a financial contribution towards. Students will be required to meet the costs of printing and hanging their own work for exhibitions.

Applications for this course are normally made via the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) at www.ucas.com

You will need to indicate the following for this course:

UCAS Institution code:	W73 (Wirral Met College)
Course code:	W640

Fees are to increase to £6540 per year for 23/24 entry, subject to approval.

WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

The HND is recognised by employers as well as providing a pathway for progression to degree level.

Explore potential careers via [Career Match](#) — it provides current local data on wages and employment prospects.

WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

CAMPUS	STARTS	ATTENDANCE	COURSE CODE	PLANNED TIME TABLE
	19th Sep 2025	Full Time	CA501-25	
<p>If you are aged 19 or over:</p> <p>Fee : £7000.00</p> <p>Please note, this fee is the cost per year. For Higher Education (HE) courses, student loans are available to most students undertaking a degree, foundation degree, HNC / HND or teacher training programme. Visit https://www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance for details.</p>				

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 12th September, 2025 and may be subject to change.