



Printing Industry

Channel your passion and use your natural creative talents, to have a rewarding and fulfilling career designing amazing brand and advertising campaigns, beautiful logos and signage, innovative interactive graphics, 3D visuals, and inspiring posters. By studying at TAFE NSW, our talented teachers will help foster your creative gifts and develop your design skills and techniques, to set you up for a successful career and make your mark in the exciting print industries.



Growing demand

Printing companies are responding to changing market preferences by diversifying their offerings, including increasing their focus on digital printing, packaging and labelling services. Demand for other printed products is growing, including printed consumer advertising, packaging and labelling, and consumer books.



Industry partnerships

Printing students are introduced to prominent printing industry professionals, including experts who supply the industry with up-to-date materials, equipment, technology and software. Students are also given industry connections through opportunities such as workplace visits, competitions, webinars, and guest speaker programs.



Job opportunities

Occupations that apprentices and trainees are employed include job roles such as print machinist, print finishers, graphic pre-press trades workers, printer's assistants and printers.



Earning potential

Most employees work full time (87%), which is a much higher rate than the average (66%). Average full-time earnings are \$1,732 per week, which is higher than the all average for all jobs (\$1,593).^{*}

Qualifications you can earn at TAFE NSW

When you want to kickstart a career working with printing and design, you'll need the professional skills and knowledge built through studying at TAFE NSW. When you study a printing course at TAFE NSW, not only can you earn an industry-recognised TAFE NSW qualification, but our industry expert teachers ensure that you become fully trained with the hands-on, job-ready skills that employers demand.

Course	Code	Duration
Certificate II in Printing and Graphic Arts	ICP20120	36 weeks
Certificate III in Printing	ICP31220	3 years
Certificate III in Design Fundamentals	CUA30715*	18 weeks-18 months

Course	Code	Duration
Certificate IV in Design	CUA40715*	18-36 weeks
Diploma in Graphic Design	CUA50715*	38 weeks
Advanced Diploma in Graphic Design	CUA60315*	36 weeks

Fees for your course

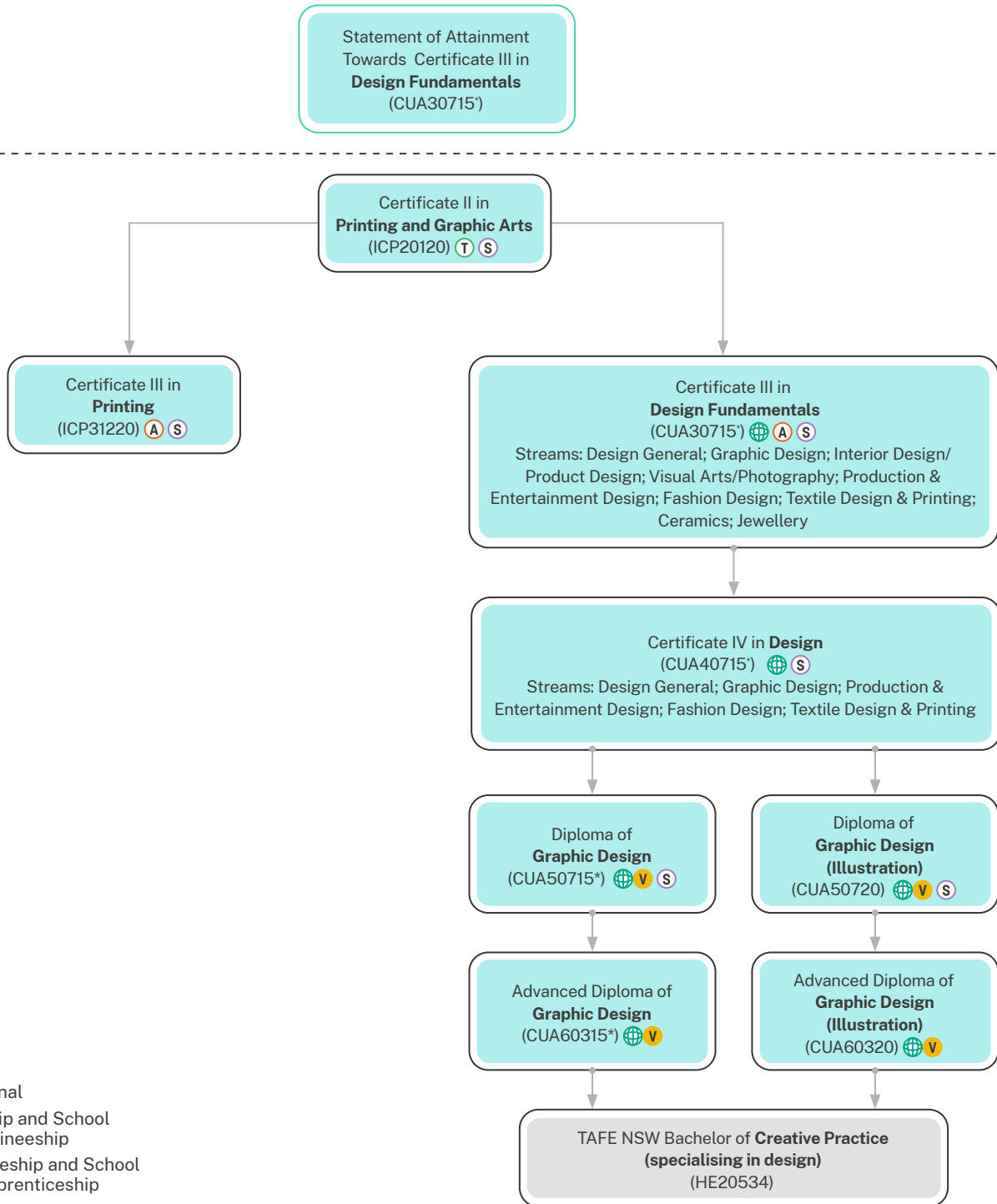
A range of criteria apply for course fees, access to government subsidised training, student loans, payment by instalment, fee concessions, and fee exemptions that are available to eligible students. The training for all or some of the courses listed is subsidised by the NSW Government under Smart and Skilled funding. Visit tafensw.edu.au/enrol/fees.






^{*} Source: LMI 2022 - labourmarketinsights.gov.au/occupation-profile/printers?occupationCode=3923

^{*} This course is superseded. You can still enrol in this course, and you will be contacted if you need to transition into the next version when it is available. Disclaimer: Please check to ensure that courses are currently being offered at your preferred TAFE NSW location. Course delivery and duration may also vary between TAFE NSW locations, so please confirm before enrolling. Fee free eligibility may apply. Correct at time of publication (October 2022). RTO 90003 | CRICOS 00591E | HEP PRV12049

How you can grow your career

When you study with TAFE NSW, there are any number of courses that lead to an even greater number of career opportunities. However, before you can earn certain qualifications, you may have to complete some pre-requisite courses. Below are some examples of career progression pathways you could follow.



-  International
-  Traineeship and School Based Traineeship
-  Apprenticeship and School Based Apprenticeship
-  VET Student Loan Approved
-  Smart and Skilled

Pathways to higher education include TAFE NSW degrees as well as other discipline related pathways with university partners to degrees. Additional information about articulation and credit transfer agreement can be located on the [TAFE NSW Credit Transfer website](#) and the specific partner website.

TVET (school)

Enter directly at any point

Conditional entry

For more information contact 131 601