



ucol furniture
design school

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At New Zealand's premier furniture design school, we teach the fine art of design with a purpose.

Our unique diploma course is designed to provide an understanding of the entire design process - from concept idea, to design, to fabrication, right through to showcasing the final product.

As the name suggests, you'll be equipped to become a designer-maker in any number of specialist design and furniture-based fields...

shape up your future

Unique to the Southern Hemisphere, our two-year diploma offers students practical, hands-on experience with talented lecturers who are themselves qualified furniture makers.

With practical craftsmanship making up 80% of the course, you'll enjoy a collaborative learning environment with your tutors and peers, in some of the finest modern workshop facilities around.

Not only that, to ensure your design craft becomes a viable career, you'll undertake business studies (computing, communications, and marketing), equipping you with the skills to run your own business or contribute in a wider sense to an existing one.





a unique 2-year diploma course...

The Diploma in Furniture Design and Making (Level 5) is a two-year, seven-paper (240-credit) programme of study delivered at UCOL's Palmerston North campus.

Year 1

In your first year we'll cover the foundation design, furniture and business communication skills that your second (and final) year of study will be built upon. You'll study:

Design Drawing 1
20 Credits

Furniture Practice 1
90 Credits

Communications & Basic Business Skills
10 Credits

Year 2

In your second year, we'll assist you to find a work experience placement with a furniture business, or with a self-employed furniture maker.

Design Drawing 2
21 Credits

Furniture Practice 2
85 Credits

Introduction to Marketing for Small Business
7 Credits

Introduction to Small Business Management
7 Credits

What do our students say?

"For me it's an opportunity to learn a new medium and master another craft, applying it to my art..."

"Our tutors are so passionate about furniture, they get us all fired up too..."

"Taking this course is my creative stepping stone..."

"What's most rewarding is taking something right through from conception to finished product - solving problems along the way..."





Have we inspired you?
Are you tempted?

To find out more about the
Fine Furniture Diploma and the
Furniture Design School please
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