

Pathway: Fine Arts

Area of Study: Arts, Design, and Graphics



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Overview

This pathway is designed for students that wish to obtain a Certificate in Fine Arts (CFA). The CFA pathway is intended as a half way point to the Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) and/or provide an art certification to complement previous degrees. (Read program QR code to see more)

Estimated Length of Completion

Degree: Certificate

3 quarters, Full time

Career Opportunities

A Certificate in Fine Arts (CFA) pathway can lead to various career opportunities. Examples include:

- Practicing Studio Artists and Performers
- Graphic/Industrial Designers
- Small Business Owners/Entrepreneurs
- Public Artist/Muralist
- Teachers
- Art Therapists
- Artist Assistants
- Art Handlers
- Curators
- Gallery/Museum ...(Read program QR code to see more)



Future Education

Once you complete the Certificate in Fine Arts (CFA), additional education opportunities in the visual arts include:

- Associate of Fine Arts degree
- Associate of Arts degree

Our graduates have successfully gone on to get degrees of higher learning at many institutions, including University of Washington, California College of the Arts, Pacific Northwest College of Art, School of the Art Institute Chicago, Rhode Island School of Design, San Diego State University, Western Washington University and have received scholarships and opportunities at many other programs such as Penland School of Craft and Pratt Fine Art Center.

Program and admissions requirements vary from college to college. Contact an admissions representative to find out about specific admissions requirements including submitting a portfolio and major pre-requisites for the institution of your choice.



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Get Started

Step 1: Apply and register at North Seattle College anytime (the application is always free). Once you become a student, register for classes using the online class schedule and go to the academic calendar for registration dates and tuition deadlines.

Step 2: See an advisor to create a personalized educational plan by the end of your second quarter. Your plan will include prerequisites, graduation requirements, and transfer preparation if you plan to transfer to another college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.

Tuition and Fees

Learn more about the [estimated cost of attendance and general fees to attend college](#).

Financial Aid and Funding Resources

It's time to apply for Financial Aid for next year by completing either the [FAFSA](#) or the [WASFA](#) 2024-25.

Need help paying for college?

To apply for financial aid, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back, visit [North's Financial Aid Department](#) for details. Part-time and full-time students can qualify for financial aid funds.

Program Contact

Art Department Coordinator

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Advising Contact

Contact the [Arts, Design and Graphics Area of Study advisor](#).

Phone: (206) 934-3658



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Before Quarter One

- Attend New Student Orientation.
- Explore careers and majors: workshops, counseling, and [Career Exploration Center](#).
- Visit the [Financial Aid Office](#) to explore how to pay for college.
- Transfer previous college credits to North, if applicable.
- [Explore placement options](#): take the [math](#) and [English](#) placement tool if needed.
- F-1 international students must enroll full-time (12+ units) each quarter and check in with the [International Programs office](#) before the start of the quarter if enrolling in less than 12 units and/or before starting any work or volunteer experience.
- Check out [campus life](#): Art Group, [Art Gallery](#), [Student Clubs and Affinity Groups](#), [TRIO](#), [Equity & Welcome Center](#), [Wellness Center](#), etc.
- If you need academic accommodations for a documented disability, please contact [Disability Services](#).

A sample schedule and quarterly to-do list are below. The schedule and to-do list will help you explore courses and complete tasks on time. The guide assumes a fall quarter start, but you can begin in any quarter.

Sample Schedule

This is an example of a quarterly schedule:

Quarter 1

- ART101 Design (5 units)
- ART111 Drawing (5 units)
- ENGL&101 English Composition I (5 units)

Quarter 2

- ART210 Digital and Graphic Art (5 units)
- Pick one from the following list (5 units)
 - * *Scan QR code to learn more about this course*
- ART290 The Art Business (5 units)

Quarter 3

- Pick one from the following list (5 units)
 - ACCT 110 | MATH& 107 | PHIL& 120 | BUS 124
- ART102 Design (5 units)
- ART252 Art History Survey II (5 units)



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Sample Quarterly To-Do List

This is an example of a quarterly to-do list:

Quarter 1

- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in [Starfish](#) to meet and discuss your goals. Learn more about Starfish [here](#).
- Talk with your advisor about combining the CFA with other degrees such as the Associate of Fine Arts or the Associate of Arts.
- Document all work made in class every quarter.
- Apply for Student Art Sale in early November.
- Explore careers and majors through workshops, [counseling](#), and [career services](#).
- Come to the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.
- Visit the [Student Learning Center](#) to learn about tutoring services offered in-person and online.
- Check out [campus life](#): Art Group, [Art Gallery](#), [Student Clubs and Affinity Groups](#), [TRIO](#), [Equity & Welcome Center](#), [Wellness Center](#), etc.

Quarter 2

- Attend [transfer events](#) at North and universities of interest.
- Apply for Licton Springs Review by January 31 and League for Innovation in March.
- Attend campus lectures/forums from the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences division.

Quarter 3

- [Apply](#) for the [CFA degree](#) in ctcLink. Check with your assigned advisor to be sure you are meeting degree requirements.
- Apply for Juried Student Show and Spring Art Sale in late April/early May.
- Congratulations, you're half way to the Associate of Fine Arts degree! Talk with your advisor about earning this degree. (link to AFA page)



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