



## Brantano UK

Brantano UK has worked closely with Leicester College footwear design department for three years to design a brand new footwear style with a project brief that is put together by the Ladies Buying team. Brantano UK received the Innovation award at the College's Awards to Industry in June 2011, celebrating this partnership.

Paula Newman, Ladies Footwear Buyer at Brantano UK says, "Working with Leicester College is a great opportunity to meet new talent, and to have an insight into some fresh, creative ideas of new innovative footwear styles, and to encourage and support the talented young designers."

# Fashion and Footwear

**The clothing, footwear and textiles industry contributes around £10 billion to the UK economy each year and employs around 380,000 people.**

Underinvestment in training has resulted in a serious shortage of skilled workers. We are addressing this with training that offers the specific skills needed within a range of occupations such as tailors, dressmakers plus fashion and footwear manufacturers.

Our expert staff are highly experienced in training employees within the sector. They can help you to improve the skills of your workforce, to make your organisation more competitive and ready to adapt to changes in the market.

Leicester College is also an International School of Footwear, with an excellent reputation for training for careers in the global footwear industry.



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## Apparel or Footwear and Leather Goods Apprenticeships and Advanced Apprenticeships

Course Code: See below  
Start Date: Flexible

Fees 3  
Duration: Flexible

For employees who are beginning a career within the Fashion and Textiles industry an Apprenticeship offers the perfect starting point to gain skills and qualifications which are vital to your business.

### What is the training about?

It is a work based training programme, which allows employees to complement the skills that they learn, develop and use within the workplace with knowledge gained via day release at College.

### What routes are available?

Apparel – Apprenticeship A8067

Apparel – Advanced Apprenticeship A7585

Footwear and Leather Goods – Advanced Apprenticeship A8065

### Who should attend?

Apprenticeships are suitable for new employees in the industry. Advanced Apprenticeships are suitable for those who have completed an Apprenticeship or those who have achieved appropriate GCSEs and are undertaking a wider range of work activities within their job role.

### Training outcomes

On completion employees will achieve:

- an NVQ in their chosen subject (NVQ level 2 for Apprenticeship and NVQ level 3 for Advanced Apprenticeships)
- knowledge relevant to their occupation and level of work
- functional skill in English, maths and ICT.

### Duration

Apprenticeships typically take 12 to 24 months to complete. Advanced Apprenticeships typically take three years to complete except where progression is from an Apprenticeship which allows the advanced qualification to be completed in one to two years.

### Assessment

Combination of practical assessment and assessment of competency to carry out work tasks. Multiple choice exams and on-line assessments plus a portfolio of work based evidence.

### Progression

On completion of an Apprenticeship employees can progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship. Advanced Apprenticeship employees may wish to progress onto appropriate technical level training.

If you are an employer looking to recruit an Apprentice, we can provide you with access to a pool of potential employees. Please call 0116 224 2240 for more details.

## Manufacturing Sewn Products NVQ level 2

NVQ – National Vocational Qualification

Course Code: A6376  
Start Date: Flexible

Fees 1  
Duration: Flexible

### What is the training about?

It will develop competence and increase the knowledge of those working as sewing machinists, soft furnishers, tailors, dressmakers and footwear manufacturers.

### Who should attend?

Employees working in the creation of sewn products without a formal qualification.

### Training outcomes

This qualification will enhance job prospects and gives employees a greater understanding of the processes within manufacturing sewn products.

### Duration

Approximately two hours a week for 33 weeks.

### Assessment

Employees will compile a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates achievement of all the learning outcomes.

### Progression

BTEC First Certificate or National Diploma.

**Outstanding leadership and management**

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## About our fees

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## Fashion Costume Foundation Degree

Course Code: A2211  
Start Date: Flexible

Fees £1,862

### What is the training about?

It is a creative and vocationally relevant training equivalent to the first two years of a BA(Hons)Degree. It prepares employees for career paths in the fashion and costume industries through design projects that are industry linked and specialist staff deliver who deliver production modules in our well resourced workshop and studios.

### Who should attend?

Employees currently working in the Fashion and Costume industry who wish to increase their skills to enable them to seek higher level employment.

### Training outcomes

There will be four modules in year one, covering academic practice, practical and creative skills. Contextual study is also explored through a series of lectures and seminars. In addition guest speakers support the fashion and costume industries module.

In year two employees will partake in much more independent study with further development of their specialist skills culminating in a final collection and Fashion Show.

### Duration

Two years.

### Assessment

Continuous assessment.

### Progression

Successful completion allows employees to top up by joining the final year of the BA (Hons) Fashion programme at Coventry University or apply to other Universities to top up on related degrees.



## Footwear Foundation Degree

Course Code: A5006  
Start Date: 21 September 2011

Fees £3,387

### What is the training about?

There is a strong focus on work-based learning and the course covers a broad spectrum of footwear industry related topics.

### Who should attend?

Trainee or junior technician in the footwear industry who wish to gain a professional qualification.

### Training outcomes

Employees will study modules in:

- footwear fashion and design
- production technology
- footwear buying
- supply and management skills
- style prediction and marketing strategies
- manufacturing technology
- professional development
- product design and development.

### Duration

Two days per week for two years.

### Assessment

Employees are assessed through practical and written assignments. The training offers an opportunity to take part in competitions and live briefs.

### Progression

On completion employees can top up by joining the final year of the BA Hons in Footwear at De Montfort University. It may also be possible to apply to other Universities to top up to other Footwear related Degree programmes.





## Illustrator For Fashion

Course Code: A8072  
Start Date: 24 January 2012

Fees £166

### What is the training about?

It is designed to equip employees with the basic core skills the programme demands. No prior experience is required, although a basic understanding of computer operations is assumed.

### Who should attend?

Designers who would like to improve their knowledge in computer-aided design.

### Training outcomes

This is an introduction to Adobe Illustrator. The training has been designed to teach new employees how to produce graphics, designs and illustrations using Illustrator CS4.

The training covers Illustrator's drawing and text controls, creating shapes and using painterly effects allowing increased levels of productivity and creativity. The emphasis is on practical, hands-on learning including a series of exercises designed to consolidate new skills and build confidence.

### Duration

One Day.

### Assessment

Continuous Assessment.

### Progression

Delegates may wish to progress onto an intermediate or advanced Illustrator course. This qualification will help delegates to progress into new areas within the textiles and fashion industries.

## Introduction to Footwear

Course Code: A8073  
Start Date: 24 January 2012

Fees £350

### What is the training about?

It has been specifically designed to provide employees already working within the fashion and/or footwear sectors training an understanding of the fundamental principles used in the main areas of shoe production.

### Who should attend?

No previous shoe making experience is necessary but expertise within the fashion industry is strongly advised in order gain the most from this training. It would be an ideal introduction for employees who work in design, quality control, distribution, sourcing and all other allied trades.

### Training outcomes

It will cover in a practical manner general principles of pattern construction, clicking and closing and lasting. It will enable employees to gain a broad insight into how footwear is developed and constructed for the mass market. Employees will produce one full pair of shoes from the design stage through to completion.

### Duration

Three days, 9am to 5pm.

### Assessment

Continuous assessment.

### Progression

On completion, employees may wish to progress to a level 2 certificate or industry pattern cutting and garment construction training. This will help employee's progress into new technical areas within the textiles and fashion industries.

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## Pattern Cutting and Garment Construction

Course Code: A8075      Fees £600  
Start Date: 16 January 2012

### What is the training about?

It develops skills in pattern cutting and pattern manipulation.

### Who should attend?

Employees currently working in the textiles industry who wish to increase their pattern cutting skills. An understanding of pattern cutting is essential.

### Training outcomes

Employees will learn about shrinkage of woven fabrics and how to apply shrinkage allowances to patterns. Employees will develop skills in pattern cutting and pattern manipulation. Both stretch and woven fabrics will be explored and it is anticipated that employees will gain an understanding of checks and pile fabrics and an insight into garment construction.

### Duration

6pm to 9pm for 20 weeks.

### Assessment

Continuous assessment.

### Progression

Employees could to progress into new technical areas within the textiles and fashion industries. Upon completion employees may wish to progress onto level 4 or 5 full or part time training in fashion and textiles.



## Pattern Cutting for Industry

Course Code: A5992      Fees £312  
Start Date: 26 September 2011

### What is the training about?

It is suitable for employees who wish to develop skills in pattern cutting and pattern manipulation, learn about shrinkage of woven fabrics, how to apply shrinkage allowances to patterns, use stretch and woven fabrics, checks and pile fabrics.

### Who should attend?

Employees currently working in the textiles industry who wish to increase their skills.

### Training outcomes

Employees will build on existing knowledge of pattern cutting to become more proficient in advanced aspects of pattern blocks, pattern adaptation, shrinkage, stretch and woven.

### Duration

Mondays 6pm to 9pm for 10 weeks.

### Assessment

Practical assessment.

### Progression

On completion of this training employees may wish to progress onto BTEC First Certificate or National Diploma.



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