

school to career



focus on jobs in Professional Arts and Crafts: Sculpture



During uncertain economic times, more and more people look for entrepreneurial careers to either supplement household income or as a change of career.

Professional Arts and Crafts have increased in popularity as well as in profitability and careers in this field are interesting. To be successful, artisans need more than creative abilities and talents. They also need marketing and business management skills.

Craftsmen specializing in clay sculpture, metal sculpture, and pottery are finding markets beyond their local communities. The artisans may choose to work for another craftsman or in a retail setting before opening and operating their own professional studio.

EDUCATION Programs offering two-year associate in applied science degrees in professional arts and crafts are offered in this region at Central Carolina Community College and at Montgomery Community College.

The CCCC program specializes in sculpture, featuring clay and metal forms as well as pottery. The Montgomery program specializes in pottery.

For more information contact CCCC or email drhode@cccc.edu.

CURRICULUM PROGRAM The professional arts and crafts: sculpture program is designed to prepare individuals to become professional craftsmen and entrepreneurs in the areas of clay and metal sculpture. Course work concentrates on the development of skills in each area of craftsmanship. Emphasis is placed on hands-on training and the design skills needed to aid students in personalizing their work.

Students in this field study craft design, pottery, clay sculpture, metal sculpture, welding processes, a history of pottery, functional pottery, glaze formulation, kiln design and construction as well as small business operations and management.

JOBS IN THIS FIELD Most persons working in this field are self-employed. Persons may choose to work for another craftsman or in a retail setting.



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PROFILE DAN RHODE

Chatham County artist Dan Rhode, a pottery instructor for Central Carolina Community College, operates Pittsboro Pottery at his home in Pittsboro.

Rhode has been teaching ceramic arts in the Chatham County area since 1993. In late January Rhode was awarded the 2001-2002 Durham Arts Council's Emerging Artist Grant.

He plans to use the money to expand the studio at his home-based business.



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SKILLS REQUIRED

Persons considering a career in professional arts and crafts should have an interest in arts, enjoy working with their hands, as well as having excellent communication and organizational skills. Additionally persons should enjoy running their own business and working in their community.



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Institutions in North Carolina offer a wide array of career programs. Please contact the college nearest you to find out if this particular program is available.

FINANCIAL AID Grants, scholarships, loans and work/study programs are available for college students. For most of this aid, students should submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which is available from high school guidance counselors and the college financial aid office.

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