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Be on the cutting edge of fashion technology

It's not enough to be good at cutting fabric in today's fashion world — you have to be on the cutting edge of technology. Thanks to Vancouver Community College's Computer Technology in Fashion program, prospects for those in the fashion industry continue to look great.

"Technological advances are the biggest changes in the industry," explained Sarah Murray, Vancouver Community College's program co-ordinator, Fashion Arts, Recruitment and Industry Relations. "Patterns are no longer done by hand — they are done with computers [Gerber CAD] and next they will be fit to a 3D body [though this technology is still being perfected]."

"Technology changes rapidly and the schools are doing a good job of keeping up. Our new Computer Technology in Fashion courses are a response to this."

The program is open to recent graduates (within two years) of a Fashion Arts program, or to those with relevant work experience. The Computer Technology in Fashion program is comprised of five courses: two Technical Fashion Drawing courses, two Computer-Aided Drafting courses, and a Fashion Photoshop Applications course. VCC offers industry-respect-

ed programming at an affordable cost.

"We see students from all demographics," she added. "The majority of our students are in their late 20s, but it varies depending on if it is a full-time program or evening courses."

The program lets students train in industry-specific Gerber CAD software for pattern-making and pattern grading. Students will also learn to create flats and line sheets in illustrator, develop an extensive library of design details, stitches, and trims for future use, and to use Photoshop to bring fashion photography and illustrations to the next level.

Those interested in the program are invited to attend an information session on July 22, 2015 in room 819 at the downtown campus.

And VCC fashion's grads are really making a mark on the world. Recent graduate Hanna Wheale is participating in the BCIC New Ventures competition.

"We are really excited for Hanna and her partner Matthew Danchuk," Murray said. "It's amazing to see what our students are capable of beyond the classroom. We hope Clotho wins as it will be good for the school, but good for the Vancouver fashion industry to have new technology as well!"



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Join us for a free information session

Wednesday, July 22, 5 p.m. - room 819

Downtown

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Program

Campus

Leadership, administration and management

Monday, July 20, 5:30 p.m. - room 419

Downtown

Automotive trades

Tuesday, July 21, 11 a.m. - lobby, building A

Broadway

Interior design

Tuesday, July 21, 5:30 p.m. - room 718

Downtown

Digital graphic design

Tuesday, July 21, 6 p.m. - room 721

Downtown

Hair design

Wednesday, July 22, 4:30 p.m. - room 201

Downtown

Skin and body therapy

Wednesday, July 22, 4:30 p.m. - room 201

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Downtown campus

located at 200-block Dunsmuir at Hamilton, two blocks west of Stadium SkyTrain station.

Broadway campus

located at 1155 East Broadway, one block west of Clark Drive, across from VCC/Clark SkyTrain station.



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