

Career explorations

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The Training Program

- Lessons include brush strokes, material engineering and chemistry fundamentals covering acids, bases and solutions. Students learn how to select the appropriate tools and materials for a specific property or structure, they develop an understanding of color theory and schemes, and are able to identify material applications for floor, wall and ceiling coverings.

JOB Description

- The painting program offers an intense yet rewarding experience to painters who wish to work in a variety of styles while developing their technical skills and personal ambitions. We challenge our students to consider the wider implications of their work and respond to the constantly expanding nature of the art world.

Where You would/could Work

- As a painter and decorator, you would work on a variety of domestic and industrial projects ranging from re-decorating homes to applying heavy-duty finishes to large structures like bridges.
- On a domestic job, you would use paint, varnishes and wallpaper to decorate rooms. You would follow the householder's instructions about choice of colour, finishing texture and wallpaper patterns. Your main tasks would include:
 - measuring surface areas to work out how much paint or wall covering you need
 - stripping off old wallpaper or paint
 - filling holes and cracks and making sure surfaces are level
 - preparing surfaces with primer and undercoat
 - mixing paint to the right shade, either by hand or using computerised colour-matching equipment
 - applying layers of paint and hanging wallpaper
 - tidying up after finishing a job.
- On some jobs you might apply specialist finishes such as rag rolling, graining and marbling. You would often work from ladders or raised platforms to reach ceilings.
- For industrial projects, such as bridges or ships, you would remove old paintwork with abrasive blasting methods before applying new coatings using industrial paint spraying equipment. You would use a cradle or safety harness when working.
- Paints and solvents give off fumes, so you may have to wear a protective mask or use fume extraction equipment on some jobs, if in enclosed spaces.