

Sizing Up a Career

One of the many benefits of Career and Technical Education programs is that they give students a chance to explore possible careers. For Buki Peters, that exposure led the way to further studies in the field of fashion.

“The hands-on experience I gained in the fashion design program at Fairfax Academy helped ease me into the real world of college courses. Although we could only touch on each element of fashion design for a few weeks, the fact that I had been introduced to a variety of design skills before college was very helpful to me at the start of my freshman year.”

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Fashion Institute of Technology Student

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CTE Program Studied: Fashion Design

Additional Studies/Training: Fashion Institute of Technology, NY and Polimoda, Italy

Fashion Designer

A few elite fashion designers are known worldwide for glamorous apparel. But many other designers are at work in the industry on more modest garments, ranging from work duds to baby clothes. Whether it's sold in a boutique or a department store, all clothing originates with a designer's inspiration.

Electives to take in high school

- Fashion Marketing I & II
- Introduction to Interior & Fashion Design
- Art I
- Fashion Design

What to study after high school

Some community colleges offer two-year fashion design programs, and some universities conduct four-year programs. Students in these degree programs will learn about design fundamentals, garment production, textiles, and marketing. Ultimately, however, a person aspiring to the heights of fashion will need to seek admittance to one of the major fashion design schools—and a strong portfolio will be a necessity.