

# Artist Blacksmith

<b>Program Location:</b>	Haliburton
<b>Program Code:</b>	ABS
<b>Co-ordinator:</b>	Jennifer Bain
<b>Credential:</b>	Ontario College Certificate
<b>Start Date:</b>	September 04, 2012
<b>Tuition Fees:</b>	\$3,958.15 program duration. Tuition and fees subject to change.



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**The Artist Blacksmith program teaches students to design, draw and shape three-dimensional metal works of art using traditional and contemporary tools, materials and processes.**

## Program Highlights

In a fully-equipped coal and propane forge studio, students will immerse themselves in the world of blacksmithing. A team of instructors, who are practicing artists will guide students through the process and exploration of metal sculpture. Students will learn studio safety, tool making, and how to form and manipulate metal to create three-dimensional sculptures, architectural details and fixtures, furnishings and utensils. Using the history of blacksmithing as an influence, and hands-on instruction, students will acquire the skills required to present ideas to potential clients and shape those ideas into a variety of metal forms.

Unique in Canada, this 15-week intensive program is equivalent to two semesters of full-time studies. Courses in design, drawing, history, marketing, basic and advanced blacksmithing along with quality studio time provide a foundation for developing a strong personal portfolio.

## Success Stories

*"For a person my age (56) intending to start a new career as a blacksmith, with some familiarity, but little artistic background in blacksmithing, the course at Fleming College was a godsend. It taught me the basics of ironwork, introduced me to design and drawing and exposed me to the possibilities. I gained the tools and confidence to go home and start making a living as both a general and an artistic blacksmith in my own shop."*

**David Olmstead**, Program Graduate  
Studio Owner, New Brunswick

## Why Choose Fleming

This program is delivered at Fleming College's Haliburton Campus, located in central Ontario's spectacular Haliburton Highlands region and home to the Haliburton School of The Arts, renowned for outstanding arts programming. Designed for visual artists, the contemporary architecture maximizes natural light in the studios, classrooms and common areas. It's the perfect environment to flourish as an artist.

Fleming students have unique and flexible options for earning their diploma in the visual arts. Once students have completed their certificate, they can continue their education by enrolling in two more semesters of study to complete their Visual and Creative Arts diploma. Students can continue their arts education through transfer agreements with Emily Carr University of Art and Design and OCAD University (Ontario College of Art and Design).

The certificate programs are delivered in an intensive format in which two semesters of credits can be completed in only 15 weeks. Each certificate course comprises 32.5 hours of in-class instruction with an additional 15 hours of technician - guided, independent studio time. Faculty members are not only professional artists and designers, but also dedicated teachers who are intent upon the development of your technical skills, creative thinking, and artistic integrity. The 40-year history of the Haliburton School of The Arts is proof of the passion and focus of its faculty, administration, and support staff, whose collaboration provides an environment rich in potential for studies in the arts.

## Is this You?

- an interest in exploring blacksmithing as a means of artistic expression
- ongoing exploration of your own creativity
- desire to create and work with hot metals
- manual dexterity and physical capability of lifting and working with heavy iron materials
- ability to commit to intensive format
- willingness to learn from others

## Career Opportunities

- You have started a life-long learning experience in the discipline of the artist blacksmith, with endless options in your pursuit of a career in this field.
- This program will appeal to the serious student who is seeking to build an excellent foundation portfolio of work before pursuing further studies, to apply their learning to another medium, or to explore apprenticeship, freelance, or teaching career options.

## Minimum Admission Requirements

OSSD with the majority of credits at the College (C) and Open (O) level, including:

- 2 College (C) English courses (Grade 11 or Grade 12)

When (C) is the minimum course level for admission, (U) or (U/C) courses are also accepted.

## Mature Students

If you are 19 years of age or older before classes start, and you do not possess an OSSD, you can write the Canadian Adult Achievement Test to assess your eligibility for admission.

## Related Programs

This 15-week certificate can be applied toward the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma - Specialist option.

## Additional Costs

There will be an additional expense of approximately \$760 for tools and mandatory safety equipment in addition to the material fee included in the tuition.

## Transfer Agreements

We are committed to providing students and graduates with flexible options to get maximum recognition of their college studies. Through joint programs and transfer agreements with the following universities, you can apply the learning you acquire at Fleming College to earn a related degree in less time, and at less cost.

- Emily Carr University of Art + Design

## Curriculum for Artist Blacksmith

### Semester 1

Code	Course Name	Hours
ARTS 7	Applied Design	47.5
ARTS 18	Art History VI: The History of Metals	47.5
ARTS 968	Blacksmithing - Advanced	237.5
ARTS 40	Blacksmithing - Basic	190
ARTS 970	Design - Artist Blacksmith	47.5
ARTS 969	Drawing - Artist Blacksmith	47.5
MKTG 53	Marketing/Portfolio Development	47.5

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