



## Welcome to the School of Apparel Design & Development!

We put together the information below to answer questions you may have and help you prepare for a successful quarter. [Click here to see all program information.](#)

### How Will Online Courses Work?

- **Classes will be online, with the option to come into our lab during scheduled hours – instructions for coming to lab are below.** Your instructor will request that you attend live Zoom sessions. It will be very important to check Canvas and e-mail regularly to keep up with the coursework and information. Demonstrations and hand-outs for courses will be available on Canvas.
- **You should be prepared to work from home with a sewing machine, space to pattern, and internet access.** While the skills associated with using industrial machines are important, you will not be required to come to campus and alternates to using industrial equipment will be offered. Details on needed equipment below. [Wifi hotspots are available from the college.](#)
- **Mandatory kits are available for pick up by the first week of class**
  - You must pick up your kits by or before the first week of school. Kit costs vary per course. Specific hours, instructions, and kit costs will be emailed to you beforehand.

### Preparing to work at home

- Sewing Machine
  - If you have the space and are committed to completing the program, consider getting an industrial single needle machine. Industrial machines produce professional results, sew faster, and are able to handle a larger variety of fabrics. Juki is our trusted brand and what we use in our AD&D lab. Check Craigslist for used machines and be sure to test them before purchasing. Machines may be ordered online or with local distributors, CH Holderby and Sewing Machine Services.
  - Home machines can be a great option. Look for simple machines without too many extra functions. Bernina, Pfaff, Singer, Janome, & Juki are all good brands. If you are unable to get a machine, let your instructor know.
  - A grid cutting mat and rotary blade can be helpful with patterns and construction.

- Pressing Equipment
  - You will need an iron and pressing area or ironing board. You can purchase any style of iron that works for you. We use gravity feed industrial irons in the lab, though they are not necessary for at home applications.
  - You can purchase an ironing board online or make your own pressing surface by purchasing a small table or thick piece of plywood at the hardware store. Iron board batting is available from Pacific Fabrics. Use a staple gun to attach muslin or lightweight canvas over entire board and padding. YouTube has some helpful tutorials.
  
- Patternmaking / Cutting / Table Space
  - You will need a medium/large table surface for cutting out projects, patterns and for patternmaking. Though not required, a dense cork tabletop is the best surface for pattern drafting. If you would like to get custom cork tops made you can contact PBS Supply for more information on purchasing cork at [www.pbsbuilds.com](http://www.pbsbuilds.com) phone: 253-395-5550. 24" x 36" will work for tops and skirts, although bigger is better.
  - Bright lighting is important for patternmaking. Look for a good large LED light for your table surface.

## Steps to access campus

- Each person must **use the main 1701 Broadway entrance** to enter the building. A limited number of students are allowed on campus and in our lab to ensure your safety. You may come to campus to submit or pick up supplies or assignments. Everyone is required to **wear a mask at all times, maintain a 6 foot distance and wash or sanitize hands and equipment** regularly. General and surface cleaning will be conducted regularly. We hope you will feel reassured by the safety measures AD&D and the college are taking and be comfortable coming in or taking advantage of our wonderful facility and equipment.
1. Sign up on our departmental Acuity calendar: [Lab Visit Calendar](#) (This will be available after Jan 4.)
    1. Choose if you plan to pick up /drop off or use the lab (3 hour blocks, max 6 hours.)
    2. Choose day and time (pick-up/drop off is any time between 8am-4pm)
  
  2. Follow the SCC student survey shortly before entering **and leaving**. This is used for contact tracing: <https://seattlecentral.edu/>

3. [Take the mandatory training on COVID-19 safety.](#) If you will be routinely coming to campus, [please review the weekly COVID training update.](#)

## Assignments

Your instructor will let you know how to submit assignments and samples. Individual assignments might be submitted via Canvas, dropped off on campus, or mailed to your instructor.

## Required Program Prerequisites

### WHICH PATH IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR ME?

**APPRL 096/098/100 – SEQUENCE SERIES** Taking this series in sequence over 3 quarters is the recommended path to the full-time program. Beginning with 096 in the Fall quarter will give you ample time to re-take a course if needed, accomplish all of your requirements, plan your finances and get fully prepared before entering the program.

**APPRL 099 – SUMMER INTENSIVE** This track is best for those who have previous knowledge and experience with sewing techniques and strong time management skills. This intensive course will allow you to accomplish the Skill Development sequence in one quarter and is an alternative to the 096/098/100 series. APPRL 099 must be completed in 8 weeks over summer. Each class is 5 hours and held 3 days a week. **It is highly suggested that you get the English, Math, and Computer requirements done before you enroll in this course.** It is not recommended that you take other courses while enrolled in APPRL 099. The workload is intensive, the pace is very rigorous and you will need to access the lab outside of class times. Please prepare to give this course your full attention. This will guarantee you greater success in the completion of this intensive and exciting fast-track course.

**Learn even more with our [Information Session Video](#).**

Check out our YouTube channel and see past student work, runways, and more!