DESCRIPTION OF THE FASHION DESIGN PROGRAM
The Associate of Applied Science in Fashion Design is a 60-credit program that allows students to prepare for a career as a designer or as an assistant designer. Students learn about basic garment construction, textiles, creating a collection, and retailing of the work. Aesthetics and style trends are studied to provide students with artistic and commercial perspectives about the fashion industry. Kingsborough Fashion Design students are required to complete an internship in the field. They also have the opportunity to present their designs in an annual fashion show. By the time they graduate, they will have built a professional portfolio that can be used to demonstrate their abilities to prospective employers.

SKILLS
Artistic ability. Fashion designers sketch their initial design ideas that are used to create prototypes. Designers must be able to express their vision for the design through illustration.

Creativity. Fashion designers work with a variety of fabrics, shapes, and colors. Their ideas must be unique, functional, and stylish.

Decision-making skills. When working on teams, fashion designers gain exposure to many different ideas. They must be able to decide which ideas to incorporate into their designs.

CAREER INFORMATION
Many fashion designers have a bachelor’s degree in fashion design or fashion merchandising. In these programs, students learn about textiles and fabrics and how to use computer-aided design (CAD) technology. They also work on projects they can add to their portfolio, which displays their designs. Fashion designers often gain experience in the fashion industry through internships or by working as an assistant designer. Internships introduce aspiring fashion designers to the design process, building their knowledge of textiles and colors and of how the industry works. Applicants who have formal education in fashion design, are proficient in technologies such as CAD, have excellent portfolios, and have industry experience will have the best job prospects. However, strong competition for jobs is expected because of the large number of people who seek employment as fashion designers and the relatively few positions available.
EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK
Employment of fashion designers is projected to show little or no change from 2018 to 2028. The projected decline in employment in the apparel manufacturing industry moderates the projected employment growth of fashion designers.

CAREER PATH
Fashion designers work in wholesale or manufacturing establishments, apparel companies, retailers, theater or dance companies, and design firms. Most fashion designers work in New York and California. The median annual wage for fashion designers was $72,720 in May 2018.

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