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Qualifications:

Professional Coloration Qualifications

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SDC Professional Coloration Qualifications



Wherever you are in your career, you can never afford to stop learning. That's where the Society of Dyers and Colourists (SDC) come in. SDC is the world's leading independent, educational charity dedicated to advancing the science and technology of colour. We are a professional membership organisation and our unique set of qualifications can make a real difference to your career. Each year we help thousands of people at every stage of learning and career development. Our internationally recognised qualifications are designed to advance scientific knowledge and vocational skills.

This prospectus gives you an overview of the qualifications we offer and why you need them. Your career is a journey, and the skills and knowledge you need will change. With our commitment to continuing professional development (CPD), we can help to ensure you never stop learning.

We're here to help

If you would like further information or would like to discuss which qualification is right for you, please get in touch: email edu@sdc.org.uk or telephone: +44 (0)1274 761 773

Who are our qualifications for?

Our qualifications are aimed at everyone who works with textiles and is involved, either directly or indirectly, with their coloration.

At a glance

- Colour Management of Textiles Diploma
- Licentiate (LSDC)
- Associateship (ASDC)
- Fellowship (FSDC)
- Chartered Colourist (CCol)

SDC Professional Coloration Qualifications

LSDC, ASDC and FSDC are professional qualifications, governed by the Society's Royal Charter, and specific rules apply. Details will be sent to you when you enquire or are available on our website.

To maintain any of our professional coloration qualifications you need to be a current member of the Society, and to maintain Chartered Colourist status you also need to engage in our continuing professional development (CPD) programme. Our qualifications are a sign of an up-to-date, experienced professional, and bring with them a range of benefits. They are also truly international.

About SDC

SDC's mission is to communicate the science of colour in a changing world. We are a global organisation. With our Head Office and trading company based in Bradford, UK, we have an international network of regions and activities.

Why choose SDC?

- we have an international reputation for excellence
- all our qualifications offer access to best practice
- the skills you learn can be put to immediate use
- our qualifications are excellent value for money
- our qualifications contribute to your career development and continuing professional development (CPD)
- our distance learning option enables you to choose where and when to study
- registering for a qualification means becoming a member of SDC



Colour Management of Textiles Diploma

What is it?

An award based upon academic examination. The academic examination is by way of a project which requires practical application of the information from the SDC Certificate of Colour Management of Textiles training course.

Ideal for

Anyone involved in colour decision making or who ensures colour is consistent from design to final garment including technologists, designers, dyers, palette developers, buyers, garment makers, clothing component makers.

Do you qualify?

Candidates must first have successfully completed the SDC Certificate of Colour Management of Textiles training course (please ask for details or download from www.sdc.org.uk)

How will you be assessed?

Candidates need to complete a project on a subject and with a scope approved by the Society's Education, Qualifications and Accreditation Board. The project must demonstrate an understanding of material covered in the SDC Certificate of Colour Management of Textiles along with the ability to think critically and logically, and communicate effectively. Guidance on suitable projects and typical plans for a project report are available on request.

Licentiatehip (LSDC)

What is it?

An award based on examination results either in the Society's own examinations or holding an appropriate qualification from another body. Licentiatehip can be a step along the path to Associateship or viewed as a final qualification.

Ideal for

Anyone working in the coloration industries who wants to broaden their knowledge base and obtain an industry recognised qualification.

What will you learn?

The course content covers a wide range of topics to give a broad grounding in colour, coloration, polymers and management. The choice of topics is the candidate's decision, dependent upon whether they take three papers or one paper and a dissertation. There are six exam papers:

- Paper 1: Colour Physics
- Paper 2: Chemistry (Structural and Physical) of Dyes, Pigments, and Auxiliary Chemicals used in Technological Processes
- Paper 3: Chemistry (Structural and Physical) of Polymers
- Paper 4: Industrial Organisation and Management
- Paper 5: Wet processing of Natural Fibres and Regenerated Cellulosic Fibres
- Paper 6: Wet processing of Synthetic Fibres and Fibre Blends



How will you be assessed?

By examination – the candidate must pass three papers or a single paper from papers one to four and complete a dissertation on an agreed subject. Further details are available in our Study Guide.

By exemption – a candidate with a UK degree or equivalent qualification with a strong coloration content may apply.

Associateship (ASDC)

What is it?

Associateship is an award based on academic examination. The examinations for Associateship of the Society are independently judged to be of equivalence to a good UK honours degree.

Ideal for

Anyone working in the coloration industries who wants to broaden their knowledge base and obtain an industry recognised qualification.

What will you learn?

The course content covers a wide range of topics to give a broad grounding in colour, coloration, polymers and management. There are six exam papers:



- Paper 1: Colour Physics
- Paper 2: Chemistry (Structural and Physical) of Dyes, Pigments, and Auxiliary Chemicals Used in Technological Processes
- Paper 3: Chemistry (Structural and Physical) of Polymers
- Paper 4: Industrial Organisation and Management
- Paper 5: Wet-processing of Natural Fibres and Regenerated Cellulosic Fibres
- Paper 6: Wet-processing of Synthetic Fibres and Fibre Blends

How will you be assessed?

By examination – a candidate must pass all six papers or papers one to four and complete a dissertation on an agreed subject.

By exemption – a candidate with a good UK honours degree or equivalent qualification with a strong coloration content may apply.

Further details are available in our Study Guide.

Fellowship (FSDC)

What is it?

Fellowship is awarded on application to those individuals who have demonstrated their distinction in the knowledge or practice of colour science or colour technology.

Ideal for

- Those from the world of academia or industrial technology, whose contributions take the form of published papers
- Those who can demonstrate outstanding performance or distinction in other areas of coloration
- Individuals holding senior positions in disciplines such as production or technical management, engineering or marketing.

Qualification content

There are no examinations for Fellowship, but candidates must hold a qualification at least equal to a good UK honours degree to be eligible for the award.

How will you be assessed?

The award is by application on a form available from the Society. Your application should provide details of the basis of your claim to have made some notable contribution to the science or practice of colour. Such claims must be substantiated by two referees, one of whom must be a current Fellow of the Society. Applications containing all the relevant information will be considered by the Education, Qualifications and Accreditation Board.

Chartered Colourist (CCol)

In 1963 the Society was granted a Royal Charter and became the only organisation in the world able to award the elite Chartered Colourist status in recognition of professional excellence. This is coloration's highest grade and recognises outstanding practical experience and expertise. Being a Chartered Colourist is a sign of an up to date, experienced and qualified coloration professional and means you:

- Enhance your professional status and career prospects
- Stand out in an increasingly competitive marketplace
- Demonstrate your qualifications, experience, and current skills

A range of benefits include:

- Your name listed in our Chartered Colourist directory
- Designation after your name (CCol)



What is it?

The status of Chartered Colourist is an award that demonstrates practical application of academic knowledge. There are no examinations for Chartered Colourist, but candidates must already hold one of the Society's professional qualifications of Associate or Fellow to be eligible for the award.

Ideal for

People wanting a distinguished career in the coloration industry

What will you learn?

Chartered Colourist status is about lifelong learning. A commitment to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requires an active engagement with the SDC and its members to enhance your future learning and knowledge.

How will you be assessed?

Award of Chartered Colourist status will require submission of an application on the official form available from the Society and an interview to demonstrate professional competence in applying knowledge of colour.

Members in possession of Chartered Colourist status are required to maintain their status by undertaking a minimum of 30 hours per annum of Continuing Professional Development (CPD). Further details of the requirements of CPD are available on our website www.sdc.org.uk



General Information on our Qualifications

What does it cost?

To apply for our Professional Coloration Qualifications you need to be a current member of the Society and pay the relevant application or examination fee. Please enquire for latest costs.

Where can I study?

Our qualifications are international, and so you can choose when and where to study.

What do I do next?

Email us on edu@sdc.org.uk, telephone on +44 (0) 1274 761773, or visit our website www.sdc.org.uk and complete an enquiry form.

'Achieving this qualification (CCol ASDC) and recognition has had a great impact on me... It's a unique qualification above the mandatory ones now required in a competitive market.'

'ASDC proves to be a hallmark when employers are recruiting, there is no other professional qualification that illustrates the colourist's profile.'



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