

Continuing & Professional Studies Open Lab: Apparel & Production Lab

Details

Open Lab provides registered participants with independent access to designated apparel and production labs within the School of Design's shared maker space environment. This offering is designed for students and community members who already have experience working in studio settings and are ready to advance their own projects using professional grade equipment.

Participants will have access to a range of apparel and production equipment during scheduled Open Lab hours.

For production and sewing spaces, **participants are expected to bring their own tools and materials.**

All participants must successfully complete the required Lab Safety Training prior to accessing the space. A Lab Technician will be on site during Open Lab hours to answer general questions and provide equipment refreshers as needed.

Previous experience using industrial sewing and production equipment is required. Open Labs are not instructional and are intended for independent, self-directed work.

Dates:

Session 1 - 12 days

- » May 04 - May 14: Mon-Thurs: 9:00 am - 3:50 pm
- » May 19 - May 22: Tues-Fri: 9:00 am - 3:50 pm
- » Cost \$150 + GST

Session 2 - 12 days

- » June 8 - 25: Mon - Thurs 9:00 am - 3:50 pm
- » Cost \$150 + GST

Equipment Available

- » Bartack
- » Binding Machines
- » Blind Hem
- » Buttonhole
- » Chain Stitch / Cover Stitch Binding
- » Domestic Sewing Machine
- » Drafting Tables
- » Dress Forms
- » Flatlock
- » Heat Press
- » Industrial Iron
- » Post Bed Roller Foot
- » Seam Sealer
- » Sergers: 3, 4 & 5 thread
- » Steam Irons
- » Straight Linear Fusing Press
- » Straight Stitch
- » Thermowelder
- » Ultrasonic Welding Machine
- » Vacuum Press Table
- » Walking Foot (Regular, Cylinder, Double Needle, Long Arm, Zig Zag)
- » Zig Zag (Light to Medium Weight)

[Register Here](#)

Open Lab Apparel + Production Lab Participation Disclaimer

Open Lab is intended for registrants who possess basic sewing knowledge and can safely operate equipment independently. Registrants may be asked to resign from Open Lab if they are found to have insufficient sewing experience, require instructional support beyond the scope of Open Lab use, or misuse equipment in a manner that raises safety or maintenance concerns. In such cases, a partial refund or no refund may be issued at the discretion of the organizer.

FAQ

» Will I learn to sew during Open Lab?

Open Lab is not a sewing class; there will be no instructor or projects. A technician will be present to assist with basic questions and setup, but no instruction will take place. Open Lab is for registrants who already have experience sewing.

» You have machines I haven't used before; can I still use them?

We understand that although you may have experience in a sewing lab but there might be a new machine you haven't used before. We ask that you connect with the technician. They will be able to show you how to properly use the equipment and ensure you do so safely.

» Do I need to bring anything with me?

Students must provide their own tools and supplies including fabric, paper, notions, bobbins, feet, and scissors.

» Can I bring a friend with me?

Only individuals who have registered for Open Lab are allowed access to the space.

» Can I use the space to teach others how to sew?

The university's insurance does not cover independent business activities conducted in our labs.

» Where do I complete the Lab Safety Training?

After you register, you'll be added to our CPS Moodle site and receive an email with access instructions. The Moodle page includes the required training videos and a short quiz to complete.

» What if I have never used these facilities before?

Anyone who has not previously used our facilities is required to complete a short orientation with a technician.

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Contact Us

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