



## Associate Designer/Product Developer

Columbus Apparel Studio is a privately owned full-service apparel design and manufacturing company providing consulting, design, product development, and production all in-house for the apparel industry. Based in Columbus, Ohio, CAS is a leading apparel product development and manufacturer of apparel, accessories and soft goods with an entrepreneurial culture that flows throughout our comprehensive portfolio. CAS is known for experienced, knowledgeable, high-quality one-stop company that does the "difficult."

### **Job Description:**

Columbus Apparel Studio is looking for a full-time Associate Designer/Product Developer to join our Product Development Team. The Associate Designer/Product Developer reports to the Head of Product Development and tasked with driving all components of the product development process for assigned categories and brands from concept through final approval for production.

The Associate will work in concert with senior management, operations, sales, and suppliers/manufacturers. This individual will need to be highly motivated, proactive, and the ability to pivot seamlessly in a highly dynamic and fast-moving business.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Identifying client's needs and ensure the design vision is scalable and production friendly for CAS setup.
- Exhibit brand-appropriate taste and the ability to understand and respond to the client's needs.
- Create initial design concept sketches, mood boards, and inspiration for CAS clients.
- Work through all stages of product development from concept through final production sample.
- Handle Lab dips, Fabric, Trims, and Strike-off approvals.
- Responsible for tracking all sourcing requests and follow up with supplier and mill partners daily.
- Creating and updating sketches along with tech pack detail sheets for both development and production stages.
- Collaborating between Technical Design and Production departments.
- Manage all deadlines within Product Development Calendar.
- Maintain design libraries and filing systems.
- Assist in the building and maintenance of vendor relationships to accomplish goals.
- Work closely with Production, Sourcing, and QC teams to resolve any quality concerns with new and existing products.

### **Requirements:**

- Minimum 2-3 years professional experience in Design/Product Development /Technical Design or related field.
- Strong illustrator Flat & Technical Sketching skills.
- Knowledge of garment construction
- Must be well versed in Adobe Illustrator
- Proficient in MS Office, especially Excel.
- Strong in pattern drafting and pattern grading
- Experience in communicating with suppliers and cross-functional teams.
- Well-organized, efficient, and process-oriented approach to working.



- Thinks outside of the box
- Ability to multi-task, trouble shoot, and problem solve
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment with quick turnaround and deadlines.
- Ability to prioritize workload based on product development calendar.
- Excellent work ethic and positive attitude are a must.
- Entrepreneurial mindset

Come join our growing team!

If you feel you are the best fit, apply on our website at <https://www.columbusapparelstudio.com/careers>. Only qualified applicants will be considered.