

Course Information Sheet

Photoshop / Illustrator Workshop

Introduction

This course is designed to introduce the basics through to more advanced tools and techniques of Adobe Photoshop and the basic techniques of Adobe Illustrator over a series of 6 week sessions. Photoshop and Illustrator are used in the post production of digital photographs, restoration of photographs, illustrations, digital art, graphic design, logos, advertisements, brochures, business cards, web design, and much more. The course would suit you if you are a complete beginner at using a graphics based programme or you would like to develop your existing Photoshop and Illustrator skills and knowledge. The course would also suit you if you have an interest in digital photography, image manipulation or restoration, graphic design, web design and crafts such as card making, painting, drawing and pottery.

What are the course entry requirements?

Basic skills and knowledge in using a computer. Experience of using a graphics based program is not required. In every class there will be different levels of skill and experience. Learners will be encouraged to identify and work on their own areas of interest. To get the best from this course you should be able to:

- follow verbal and written instructions
- produce a variety of written material

How long is the course?

Learners enrol for 6 week modules throughout the year depending upon availability of places. Attendance is for consecutive weeks. If you anticipate any difficulties please discuss with your tutor.

What will the course involve?

The course is divided into Core Topics, if you are a beginner you work through these topics, if you have experience you will be able to pick from the core topics as well as exploring other ideas and techniques that will expand on your skills, knowledge and suit your individual learning goals. If you anticipate any difficulties please discuss with your tutor.

How will I be learning?

This 'workshop' style class is divided into weeks: 1 to 4 covers the core topics and weeks 5 and 6 allows time for consolidation and review of these topics as well as time to work on own images, projects and ideas. Learners work on different topics and build up skills as they progress through a series of exercises at their own pace with support from the tutor to develop their skills and understanding.

What equipment will I need?

For the assessed qualification option learners will require a folder, paper and pens to make notes record work and progress. There is also a substantial amount of out of class work

How will I know if I am making progress?

All learners have an individual Learning Plan. Learners and tutor complete weekly records to help learners understand their progress and skills acquired. Learners receive 1:1 feedback, verbally in class and written feedback via tracking records

What course work will I be expected to complete?

Learners enrol for 6 week blocks of learning. There are three optional routes within the workshop course:-

- Non-qualification progression route for learners who do not want to submit their work for assessment for a qualification.
- Ascentis - Level 2 Digital Imaging qualification
- Ascentis - Level 3 Digital Imaging qualification

To enter for a qualification you must first discuss this with your tutor.

What can I expect to learn from this course?

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Core Topics 1 - Photoshop

- Understanding the work area
- Removing red eye
- Global Adjustments – Levels, Hue & Saturation, Replace colour etc
- Layers – Creating, Duplicating, Transforming, Locking and Opacity
- Clone tool, Healing brush & Patch tool
- Marquee tools
- Lasso tools

Core Topics 2 – Photoshop

- Magic wand
- Quick Mask
- Selective Adjustments & combining selections tools
- Layer masks

Core Topics 3 – Photoshop

- Adjustment Layers
- Adjustment Layer masks
- Clipping Groups
- Blending modes
- Displacement maps

Core Topics 4 – Photoshop

- Layer sets
- Curves
- Paths
- Channels

Core Topics 1 – Illustrator

- Understanding the work area
- Brushes – Downloading & Creating
- Pen Tool
- Fills and Strokes

Core Topics 2 – Illustrator

- Creating Patterns
- Gradient fills
- Pathfinder Palette
- Blending colours and shapes

Core Topics 3 – Illustrator

- Creating and altering layers to create a complex shape
- Text tools and adding images to text
- 3D shapes

As part of Course Induction, all learners will work with their tutor to develop an Individual Learning Plan. This will include your personal goals for the course and any support needs you may have. It may not be possible to include all the additional topics that interest you, but your tutor may be able to recommend other courses, further reading or useful websites.

ASCENTIS Level 2 & 3 Units - Assessment requirements

In order to submit work for the Level 2 &3 unit assessments learners need to:-

- Meet the attendance requirements which will be calculated across the three relevant modules, (please current details with your tutor)
- Produce a substantial body of work outside of class time (currently expected to take 40 hours); as well as class work, this should include a portfolio of work produced in the introductory and intermediate modules plus a short assessment & project for level 2 and 4 assessment pieces for level 3

Will I need to cover anything in addition to the course fee?

Exam entry fees are extra for ALL learners wishing to take ASCENTIS Level 2 or 3 unit qualification(s).

What other training programmes and progression opportunities are there?

NCFE Photography levels 1 and 2, any other digital camera or digital photography classes, Dreamweaver Web page workshop, other computer courses such as ITQ, art and design

If you require in-depth advice on progression opportunities or guidance on career choices please contact our Information Advice and Guidance Officers on 0845 600 1331. For general information about other courses, contact us on the same number or check out the website www.lancashire.gov.uk/adultlearning