

Adobe® Certified Professional Visual Design using Adobe Photoshop

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Course structure*

This course provides the user with all the training required to be confident in using Adobe Photoshop - the industry standard image editing software. This course will introduce the individual to the fundamentals of Photoshop. By working through a series of step-by-step activities, they will gain the necessary skills to create, adjust, edit and manipulate images and digital photos. Individuals will also have the opportunity to gain ACP accreditation status. The workplace demand for digital media skills is on the rise and the ACP certification is a great way for individuals to validate their technical abilities and demonstrate proficiency to prospective and existing employers.

What will I learn?

Explore the Photoshop environment

- Discover what Photoshop is and its capabilities
- Familiarise yourself with the workspace, menus and tools
- Understand how to view documents different ways

Work with documents

- Learn how to open, close and save documents
- Know how to save images in the most suitable formats
- Discover how to re-size images
- Understand pixels, resolution and resampling

Making basic adjustments

- Work non-destructively
- Make colour and tonal adjustments
- Crop images and straighten for impact
- Scale, rotate, skew, flip and transform images

Retouching and healing

- Fix problem images
- Use various re-touching tools to correct and repair
- Use content aware move and fill methods
- Discover the Dodge, Burn and Sponge tools

Working with selections

- Get to know the various selection tools
- Refine selections
- Copy, paste and move a selection
- Make more intricate selections with the pen tool

Working with colour and tone

- Understand and specify different colour modes
- Use the colour adjustment tools
- Create custom colour and gradients swatches

Working with Photoshop Layers

- Create, work with and organise layers
- Transform layers
- Create different compositions
- Use layer styles to create special effects
- Discover various Layer Blending modes

Masking

- Understand masks and mask options
- Refine a mask
- Use layer masks to combine images and exposures
- Work with clipping masks to wrap textures around an object

Smart Objects

- Convert layers into smart objects
- Difference between linked and embedded smart objects
- Work with smart Filters

Typography

- Create and edit text
- Understand some typographical key terms
- Rasterize and warp text
- Work with editable text paths

Photoshop Brushes

- Become familiar with the brush tool and its options
- Create and save a new brush
- Create a brush from some text or shapes

Vector Drawing Techniques

- Basics of bitmap images & vector graphics
- Work with the pen tool
- Create and edit custom shapes

Exporting and outputting files

- Understand different file formats to save your work as
- Optimise and save your images for the Web
- Save individual layers as files
- Work with Raw Files

*The Structure will change in reaction to students needs. Everything in the course content will be covered.

Breaks

There will be a 20 minute half way through each part.

Level of Knowledge

You will need a good level of IT literacy and be confident in using a computer. These courses run at a fast pace, to enable student to study for the Qualifications. Please also make sure you are able to revise each week.

Learning Resources

You will have access to online learning resources. Information will be provided at the beginning of the course.