



Illustrator Essentials | Course Overview

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Adobe Illustrator enables you to create professional vector graphics for posters, flyers, logos, infographics and even fashion design. Using the latest version, **Illustrator CC**, you will learn how to draw, combine and edit shapes to create patterns, gradients and vibrant effects such as glows and drop shadows. Illustrator is also a powerful typographic tool so you'll learn how to enter, import and (most importantly) style your text to make your message stand out.

To fast-track and reinforce your training, we have developed our own courseware (step-by-step printed workbooks) that you can take with you after the course.

As an Adobe Authorised Training Partner, participants receive an Adobe recognised certificate.



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Personalise your workspace, set up documents and artboards
- Templates and Layers
- Curves and shapes with the Pen Tool
- Combine shapes to create logos
- Convert hand drawn sketches into vector files
- Understand masks and patterns
- Colour, swatches and gradient panels
- Special effects with the Appearance Panel
- Work with type and brushes
- Output files for print, web and other Adobe programs

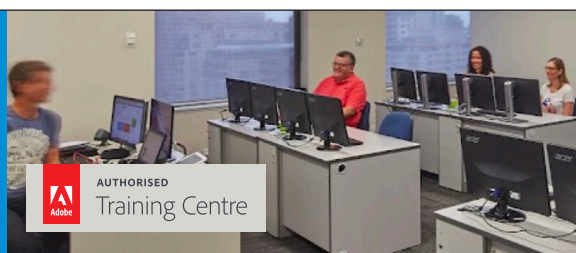
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Course Outline: Illustrator Essentials

THE ILLUSTRATOR INTERFACE

- Adobe CC Mobile Apps
- Workspace Efficiency Tips
- Explore the Start Workspace
- Explore the Illustrator Interface
- Customise Illustrator Preferences
- Explore the Control Panel
- Explore the Tools Panel
- Hide/Show Illustrator Panels
- Change Illustrator Workspaces
- Use Illustrator Help
- Illustrator File Types
- The Artboard and Pasteboard
- Use the Context Menu
- Zoom and Pan a Document
- Navigate using Document Tabs
- Preview and Outline Views
- Undo, Redo and Revert Changes

ILLUSTRATOR ESSENTIALS

- Graphic Formats
- Explore Vector Graphics
- Create a New Illustrator Document
- Use Illustrator Templates
- The Illustrator Artboard
- Create Artboards/Artboard Tool
- Delete Artboards
- Use Rulers and Guides
- Use Smart Guides

THE SELECTION TOOLS

- Use the Selection Tool
- Use the Direct Selection Tool

DRAWING SHAPES AND PATHS

- Explore Vector Paths
- Draw Shapes using Shape Tools
- Use Live Corners
- Draw Straight Lines with the Pen Tool
- Draw Curves with the Pen Tool
- Change the Curve Direction
- Adjust the Shape of a Curve
- Add and Delete Anchor Points

- Change, Smooth and Corner Points
- Cut and Join Paths
- Adjust the Weight of a Path
- Create Rounded Endpoints
- Outline Paths
- Use the Curvature Tool
- Draw Paths/The Pencil Tool
- Smooth Paths/The Smooth Tool
- Erase Paths/The Eraser Tool
- Add Arrowheads to Paths

COMBINING AND WARPING SHAPES

- Use the Pathfinder Panel
- Combine Shapes with the Shape Builder Tool
- Apply Warp Effects

ARRANGING OBJECTS

- Group Objects
- Isolate Groups
- Move Objects
- Duplicate Objects
- Align Objects Accurately
- Stack Objects
- Lock and Hide Objects
- Select Objects by Characteristics

TRANSFORMING OBJECTS

- Scale Objects
- Shear Objects
- Reflect Objects
- Work with Live Shapes
- Use the Transform Panel
- Rotate Objects/The Rotate Tool

COLOUR

- Understand Colour Modes
- Apply Colour to Objects
- The Colour Panel - Unsaved Colours
- The Swatches Panel - Saved Colours
- Create Colour Swatches
- Global and Tint Swatches
- Manage Colour Swatches

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TYPE

- Create Text in Illustrator
- Adjust Text with Selection Tools
- Convert Text from Point Type to Area Type
- Import Text to Illustrator
- Format Text Properties
- Work with Glyphs
- Convert Text into Vector Graphics
- Create Type on a Path
- Use the Touch Type Tool

GRADIENTS AND PATTERNS

- Explore Gradients
- Create Gradients - The Gradient Panel
- Create Gradients - The Gradient Tool
- Create Patterns

INFOGRAPHICS

- Explore Elements of an Infographic
- Create an Infographic

LAYERS

- Using the Layers Panel Overview
- Create a New Layer
- Explore Layer Options
- Move Objects to a Different Layer
- Create Template Layers
- Select all Objects on a Layer
- Duplicate Layers
- Merge and Flatten Layers
- Placing Images
- Explore Image Resolution

PLACE IMAGES

- Link and Embed Images
- Use the Links Panel
- Update Modified Links
- Relink Missing Links
- Embed and Unembed Placed Images
- Package Files

IMAGE TRACE

- Image Trace
- Change the Display of a Tracing Object
- Use Image Trace Presets
- Explore Trace Options
- Expand a Tracing Object
- Release a Tracing Object

CLIPPING MASKS AND TRANSPARENCY

- Explore Clipping Masks
- Create a Clipping Mask
- Edit a Clipping Mask
- Release Objects from a Clipping Mask
- Set Transparency
- Apply Blending Modes

SAVING AND EXPORTING

- Examine Illustrator File Types
- Examine Illustrator Format (AI) Options
- Examine EPS Format Options
- Examine PDF Format Options
- Save Graphics for the Web and Screen
- Export for Screens

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