

Photoshop CS3 Foundation

2 day course

Overview

Adobe® Photoshop® has been an indispensable image editing software application for many years. As an aspiring graphic designer, you would like to familiarize yourself with image creation and editing using this software. Understanding the different tools and features available in Photoshop CS3 will help you to maximize your creative potential. In this course, you'll use the several tools and features of Photoshop CS3 to work with images.

Course Objective

You will explore the Photoshop CS3 interface and use several tools for selecting parts of images. You will learn to use layers and to apply layer effects and filters to create special effects. Additionally, you will use painting tools and blending modes to create shading effects. Finally, you will save images in print and web formats.

You will enhance your ability to create accurate masks and image effects, to retouch images, to work with video files, and to automate repetitive tasks.

Target student

This course is designed to cover the basic image editing features of Adobe Photoshop CS3. It is also designed as one in a series of courses for students pursuing the Adobe Certification Exam for Adobe Photoshop CS3, and it is a prerequisite to taking more advanced courses in the Adobe Photoshop CS3 series.

Prerequisites

Before taking this course, students should be familiar with the basic functions of their computer's operating system, such as creating folders, launching programs, and working with windows. They should also have basic Windows application skills, such as copying and pasting objects, formatting text, saving files, etc. The students should also be familiar with the basic features/functions and terminology of image editing.

Course Content:

Exploring the Photoshop Environment

- Explore the Photoshop Interface
- Customize the Workspace
- Explore the Navigation Tools

Working with Image Areas

- Select Image Areas
- Save a Selection
- Modify a Selection

Working with Layers

- Create Layers
- Create Type Layers
- Transform Layers
- Alter Type Properties
- Apply Layer Styles
- Undo Previous Steps
- Arrange and Group Layers

Enhancing Images

- Paint Strokes on an Image
- Apply Filter Effects
- Convert an Image to Black and White
- Blend Layers
- Merge Layers and Flatten Images

Saving Images for Web and Print

- Save Images for Use in Print Applications
- Save Images for the Web
- Save Images as PDF

Managing Assets with Adobe Bridge

- Explore Adobe Bridge
- Work with Adobe Bridge
- Work with Stacks and Filters in Adobe Bridge

Masking and Clipping Layers

- Edit an Image Using Quick Mask Overlay
- Save and Edit a Selection as an Alpha Channel
- Work with Layer Masks
- Clip a Layer

Masking with Vector Paths

- Create Vector Paths
- Edit Paths
- Mask Images with Paths

Enhancing Photographs

- Retouch Photographs Using Photoshop Tools
- Adjust Tonal Range Using Adjustment Layers
- Create Patterns
- Create Swatches and Gradients
- Create a Custom Brush

Creating Special Effects

- Preview Text Effects Using Layer Comps
- Warp an Image
- Work in Vanishing Point

Working with Video Files

- Preview Videos in Photoshop
- Retouch Videos

Automating Tasks

- Create an Action
- Manage Actions
- Automate Tasks in Adobe Bridge

Appendix A: Working in Adobe Device Central CS3

- Supplemental Topic Preview Images in Adobe Device Central CS3
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