Adobe® Illustrator ® CS4: Introduction

Course Duration: 1.0 day

Course Description:
Adobe® Illustrator® CS4 is a sophisticated graphics application that helps you create complex and attractive designs with type effects. You can create advertisements and other illustrations with ease using this software. However, creating complex designs can be overwhelming if you are not familiar with the tools and the features in Adobe Illustrator. In this course, you will use Adobe Illustrator CS4 by drawing and manipulating simple shapes to design a layout for your product.

Course Overview:
 You will use Adobe Illustrator CS4 to create illustrations that include graphics and text.

Target Student:
This course is intended for designers, publishers, pre-press professionals, marketing communications professionals, or people switching to a design job or taking on design responsibilities, who need to use Illustrator to create illustrations, logos, advertisements, or other graphic documents.

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. Students should also have basic Windows application skills, such as copying and pasting objects, formatting text, saving files, and so on.

Familiarity with basic design terminology, such as palette, color mode, shapes, text, and paths, is highly recommended.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Get acquainted with the Adobe® Illustrator® CS4 application.

- Create shapes in a document.

- Create custom paths.

- Enter text in an Illustrator document.

- Enhance documents.

- Proof documents to make them more accurate.

- Save images for web and print.

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Lesson 1: Getting Acquainted with Adobe Illustrator CS4

Topic 1A: Explore the Interface

Topic 1B: Explore the Navigation Tools

Topic 1C: Customize the Interface

Topic 1D: Use Illustrator Help

Topic 1E: Differentiate Between Raster and Vector Graphics

Topic 1F: Explore the Adobe Bridge Workspace

Lesson 2: Creating Shapes in a Document

Topic 2A: Create a Document

Topic 2B: Draw Basic Shapes

Topic 2C: Save a Document

Lesson 3: Creating Custom Paths

Topic 3A: Draw Paths

Topic 3B: Modify Paths

Lesson 4: Working with Text

Topic 4A: Insert Text

Topic 4B: Flow Text on a Path

Topic 4C: Import Body Text

Topic 4D: Format Text with Styles

Topic 4E: Thread Text

Topic 4F: Apply Hyphenation

Topic 4G: Insert Typographic Characters

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Lesson 5: Enhancing Documents

Topic 5A: Format Objects

Topic 5B: Apply Gradients

Topic 5C: Apply an Envelope to Text

Topic 5D: Manipulate Objects

Topic 5E: Import a Graphic

Topic 5F: Apply Graphic Styles

Lesson 6: Proofing a Document

Topic 6A: Wrap Text

Topic 6B: Find and Replace Text

Topic 6C: Fix Spelling Errors

Lesson 7: Saving Images for Web and Print

Topic 7A: Export Images for Print

Topic 7B: Export Images for the Web

Topic 7C: Save Images as PDFs

Appendix A: Organizing Assets Using Adobe® Bridge

Supplemental Lesson: Work with Adobe Bridge

Topic 1A: Work with Adobe Bridge

Topic 1B: Append Metadata and Keywords to Assets

Appendix B: Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) Objectives Mapping

Appendix C: New Features in Adobe Illustrator CS4

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