



Advanced Adobe Illustrator CS4

Two-Day Course

Windows and Macintosh

Course Overview:

Experienced Adobe Illustrator CS4 users will benefit from the many time savings tips and tricks covered in this course. You will work with the appearance, style and transparency palettes. Improve your skills with the gradient mesh tool, brushes palette and the Symbols Palette. You will apply enveloping and warping to text and will cover colour trapping, overprints and knockouts.

Course Content:

- Illustrator General Preferences
- Review of Artboards
- Appearance panel and attributes
- Styles panel: creating, editing and deleting
- Practical smart guides
- Working with multiple artboards in a document
- Key object alignment
- Vectors artwork with the Pen Tool
- The Transparency Palette: changing an object's opacity, applying blending to an object, isolate blending
- Blending modes, creating and editing opacity masks, editing an opacity masking object
- Applying Effects versus Filters
- The Appearance Palette and appearance attributes
- Using the Styles Palette: guidelines for use, applying styles, creating editing and deleting a style
- Gradient Mesh tool: deleting, moving and editing mesh points & mesh lines, adding colour, applying transparencies and more
- Creating 3D objects: extruding objects and type, extrude and bevel options, revolving artwork, lighting and surface shading options
- Working with the Brushes Palette: brush options, scatter brushes, pattern brushes, calligraphic brushes, creating swatches and colourization options
- Using the Symbols Palette: create, interchange, redefine and delete symbols, use the symbol tools (sprayer, shifter, scruncher, sizer, spinner, stainer, screener, styler) and change the properties of these tools
- Creating Graphs and applying graph designs, using column features
- Using the Pathfinder Palette and the shape areas button
- Drawing inter-twining circles
- The Offset Path and Outline Path

Note: As of April 2009 DPA Communications will offer Adobe Acrobat, InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver and Flash courses on version CS4 (Creative Suite 4). If you are currently using previous versions see the CS3 version of this course outline for any differences in training course content. Please contact DPA for more details or to have an instructor contact you.