



# Advanced Adobe Illustrator CS3

Two-Day Course

Windows and Macintosh

## Course Overview:

Experienced Adobe Illustrator 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
- Type options
- Auto tracing
- Units and display performance
- Using smart guides
- Hyphenation options
- The plug-ins folder
- Primary and secondary scratch disks
- File handling/clipboard
- Start-up files
- Vectored 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
- Options for the appearance of black on RGB and grayscale devices
- The Appearance Palette and appearance attributes
- Using the Styles Palette: guidelines for use, applying styles, creating editing and deleting a style
- Applying Effects
- Using the Gradient Mesh tool: adding, 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
- Creating cylindrical shapes
- 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 January 1, 2008 all Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver and Flash courses will be on version CS3 unless otherwise indicated. If you are currently using previous versions you can still benefit from attending this course.

Please contact DPA for more details or to have an instructor contact you.