

# Introduction to Illustrator Creative Cloud (2 Day)

## Class Overview

In this Introduction to Illustrator Creative Cloud training class, students will get started creating graphics and illustrations starting with the basics and using the tools and utilities the program offers to create layouts and illustrations.

## Course Benefits

- Learn to navigate the Illustrator environment.
- Learn to create documents and basic shapes.
- Working with colors, swatches, and fill and stroke.
- Organize a project and work with layers and artboards.
- Learn advanced illustration techniques.
- Learn to work with shape, brush, and gradient tools to manage shapes in your projects.
- Learn to work with type.
- Manage project components.

## Class Outline

### Getting to Know the Illustrator Environment

Menus and Navigation  
Panels  
Tools  
Workspace  
Rulers and Guides  
File Management  
Exercise: Illustrator Environment

Exercise: Draw components of the project  
Working with Colors  
Working with Swatches  
Fill and Stroke Attributes  
Exercise: Format Artwork

### Getting Started

Creating a Project  
Create a New Document  
Exercise: Create New Document  
Creating Basic Shapes  
Selection  
Using Drawing Modes

### Organizing a Project

Organizing a Project  
Creating Layers and Sublayers  
Layer options  
Layer Organization  
Exercise: Work with Layers  
Artboards  
Working with Duplication of Artboards  
Exercise: Artboards and Duplication

## **Creating Advanced Illustrations**

- Using Advanced Techniques
- Using the Pencil Tool
- Exercise: Drawing with the Pencil Tool
- Using the Pen Tool
- Exercise: Drawing with the Pen Tool
- Using the Line Tools
- Exercise: Drawing with the Line Tools
- Transforming Objects
- Align and Distribute Objects
- Liquefy Tools
- Working with Grouped Objects
- Exercise: Manipulate Project Components

## **Advanced Management of Shapes**

- Management of Shapes
- Working with Appearance
- Exercise: Appearance Panel
- Working with Pathfinder
- Working with Shape Builder Tool
- Exercise: Path and Shape Builder Tools
- Working with Coloring and Painting
- Live Paint
- Creating Patterns
- Exercise: Brushes and Patterns
- Using Gradient Tools
- Exercise: Gradients
- Working with Graphic Styles
- Exercise: Styles

## **Working with Type**

- Working with Type
- Create Text
- Exercise: Print and Export

- Format Text
- Exercise: Creating Types of Text
- Working with Styles
- Using Tabs
- Exercise: Styles and Tabs
- Working with Glyphs
- Converting Type to Outlines
- Exercise: Type to Outlines

## **Managing Project Components**

- Project Components
- Reusing Design Elements
- Custom Art Brush
- Sharing Color Themes
- Exercise: Reuse
- Import Text and Thread Text Frames
- Import Styles
- Import Artwork
- Exercise: Import
- Manage Linked and Embedded Project Components
- Exercise: Working with Linked Content

## **Sharing Your Project**

- Sharing your project
- Proofing Tools
- Preview Project
- Exercise: Proof
- Printing
- Export Options
- Save for Video
- Save for Web
- Generate CSS