GRAPHIC DESIGN

Frederick Community College
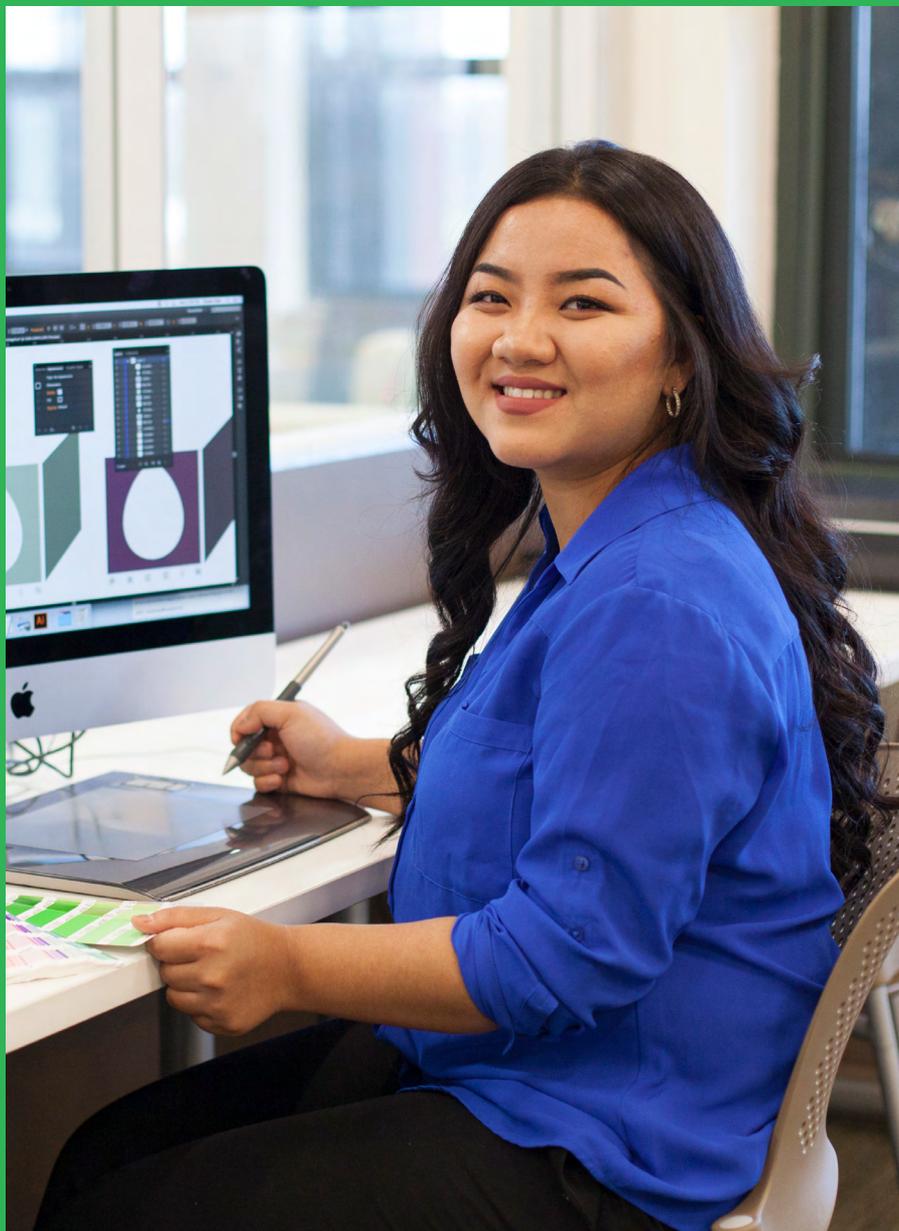
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Graphic Design Associate of Applied Science

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Graphic Design Certificate

The Graphic Design Certificate program is designed to provide the core skills needed to function in the fields of graphic communication, publishing, and web based design. The challenging and rapidly changing world of visual communications requires creative problem-solving using a combination of tools and techniques.

In hands-on classes, students solve design problems with instruction from active communications professionals using hardware and software they will encounter in the workplace. College-level reading and writing is expected.

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate proficiency in the use of current industry standard software.
- Research and produce an informed design and photography appropriate to client/assignment needs.
- Produce works of design and photography using a variety of media.
- Comprehend the responsibilities associated with professional behavior by participating in an internship.
- Produce well-crafted design and photography appropriate for entry or intermediate level professional work.

Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries

The median annual wage for graphic designers was $50,710 in 2021. Overall employment of graphic designers is projected to grow three percent from 2021 to 2031, slower than the average for all occupations.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook (bls.gov/ooh)

For more information:

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Internship Program

Internships help students integrate what is taught in the classroom with what is required in the workplace. Students take internships to develop knowledge and skills valued by employers. Students in the Graphic Design program at Frederick Community College (FCC) are eligible to receive credit for internships.

Financial Assistance

FCC provides a tuition payment plan for students who wish to spread payment over several months. Scholarship and loan assistance is available for eligible students. For complete scholarship information, contact Financial Aid at 301.846.2620.

Transfer Note

Students can transfer the equivalent of 60 credits to any four-year institution in Maryland. To find more information about how credits will transfer from FCC to a state four-year institution, visit artsys.usmd.edu or consult a College advisor.

FCC has an articulation agreement with Stevenson University, allowing students a seamless transfer experience. Students who plan to transfer should speak with an advisor or program manager from their chosen transfer institution before selecting elective courses.

View required course listings: frederick.edu/design