



Graphic Design

Gordon Cooper Technology Center offers full-time career pathways to high school juniors, seniors and adults. A student is eligible to receive college credit for most full-time career majors. High School students are eligible to receive math credit for various career majors. Courses are offered from 8:10 to 11:10 AM and 12:55 to 3:55 PM Monday through Friday. A student can choose to attend either the AM or PM session or both sessions. All students must be assessed before entering a career major.

Graphic design influences how we view the world using colors, illustrations, photos and fonts. Look at a book or magazine, go to a coffee shop, or take a drive. When you do, you'll encounter graphic design. From company logos, to road signs, to product packaging, design is part of our everyday lives.

Graphic designers require the ability to effectively present ideas—both verbally and visually — and need to be organized in order to meet deadlines and stay within a budget.

Knowledge about design elements, such as color and composition, is vital for graphic designers. Artistic ability and creativity are essential. Choosing just the right fonts, colors and lines to create a balanced composition, while simultaneously conveying meaning, are complicated.

A general interest in computers and an aptitude for learning new technology will be beneficial. As technology continues to develop, graphic designers hoping for longevity in the field need to be able to adapt. In order to succeed in a graphic design job, you'll need to have strong problem solving skills and love a good challenge. Students may choose to work toward certification as a Production Artist, Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Digital Image Specialist or Web Designer.

Career Majors:

(For financial aid a Career Major must be 600 hours or more.)

In-District* Full-time Tuition: \$1600 (\$800.00 per semester)

Required Fees: \$288.00

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Career Majors within Computer Graphic Design:						
	Hours	Required Books	Required Tools	Required Uniforms	Certification Test Costs	Optional Books
Production Artist	600	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Graphic Designer	1200	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Illustrator	1200	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Digital Image Specialist	600	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web Development Specialist	1275	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
*Out-of-District Tuition is double the amount of In-District Tuition						

Entrance Requirements: Reading skills at the 10th grade level or above, math skills at the 9th grade level or above.

Academic Credits: 1 unit of Geometry, 1 unit of Computer I (OHLAP) 1 unit of Computer II (OHLAP)

College Credit: Associate in Applied Science for Applied Technology (45 hours)

Certification Testing: (contact instructor for info.)

Potential Salary Range: Salary: \$8-\$12 entry; \$12 to \$18 3-5 years; \$45 - \$100 Freelance

For financial assistance go to: www.fafsa.ed.gov

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