# Illustrator Lite | Course Overview

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Our Illustrator Lite course is designed toward those who require a basic understanding of this dynamic vector program, but won't need to use all of Illustrator's features. If you simply need to edit existing Adobe Illustrator documents, draw shapes or understand how to manipulate paths and type, this one day course will teach you these skills and give you the confidence to use them effectively. If you need to learn the program in more depth, you can then attend our 2 day Adobe Illustrator Essentials course.





### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- · Illustrator workspace & preferences
- · Draw and combine shapes
- · Add colour, strokes and gradients
- · Draw curves and manipulate paths

- · Work with layers and blend modes
- Create and manipulate type
- · How to save file types for print and web

# WHO SHOULD ATTEND AND PREREQUISITES

This Illustrator Lite course is perfect for anyone who will be using Illustrator to edit existing documents or create simple documents from scratch. No prior knowledge of Illustrator is assumed but participants should have a strong working knowledge of either Mac or Windows.

\$540 \$445 (+GST) 2 DAYS | 9-4:30PM

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# Course outline

# **PREFERENCES**

General Preferences
Units Preferences
Printing & Exporting
Basic printing options
Packaging files for output
Saving files in the Adobe PDF format

#### **CREATING & SAVING FILES**

Creating a new document Adding artboards to a document Deleting artboards Modifying artboards

#### **WORKSPACES**

Features of the Illustrator workspace
The Control panel
Custom tool panels
Isolation mode
Arranging document windows
Changing the zoom level
Configuring the panel groups and docks
Choosing, saving, managing, and resetting workspaces

# **GEOMETRIC OBJECTS**

Selecting and deleting objects Creating rectangles and ellipses Creating polygons Creating stars Creating line segments Live Shapes

# **COMBINING PATHS**

Using the Shape Builder tool Applying the Pathfinder commands Transparency

## **MAKING SELECTIONS**

Using the Selection tool
Using the Direct Selection tool
Working with groups
Isolating individual objects

#### **MOVE, COPY & ALIGN**

Moving objects Copying objects Aligning and distributing objects via buttons Creating ruler guides

#### **FILL & STROKE**

Choosing colors via the Color panel
Changing the stroke weight, alignment, caps, and joins
Creating arrows
Creating a dashed stroke
Using the Eyedropper tool
Using the Swatches panel

#### **RESHAPING**

The building blocks of a path Moving points and segments Reshaping curves Adding points Deleting points Aligning points Using the Pen tool

#### **TRANSFORMING**

Transforming an object via its bounding box Using the Scale, Rotate, Shear, and Reflect tools Using the Transform effect

#### **LAYERS**

Creating layers
Deleting layers and objects
Duplicating layers and objects
Locking layers and objects
Hiding layers and objects

#### **APPEARANCES**

Applying appearance attributes Editing appearance attributes

#### **EFFECTS**

Applying Illustrator effects
Editing, duplicating, and deleting effects

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# **GRAPHIC STYLES**

Graphic Styles Basics
Creating, saving & applying Graphic styles

#### **PEN TOOLS & FREEHAND DRAWING**

Drawing with the Pen tool Converting anchor points on paths Using the Blob Brush tool

## **GRADIENTS**

Applying a gradient to an object's fill or stroke
Creating a two-color gradient
Editing gradient colors via on-object controls
Changing the position, length, or angle of a gradient in an object
Spreading a single gradient across multiple objects

# **CREATING TYPE**

The type tools Creating point type Creating area type

# **STYLING & EDITING TYPE**

Selecting type
Changing the font family and style
Changing the font size
Changing the leading value

# **PRINTING & EXPORTING**

Marks and Bleed options
Producing crop and trim marks
Choosing a resolution for effects
Packaging files for output
Saving files in the Adobe PDF format