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Focus on a Certificate in Photography

Whether you're a sharp-eyed amateur or a career-building professional, you'll expand your knowledge and earning potential with a certificate in Photography taught by renowned professional photographers.

Launch a Picture-Perfect Career

Photography demands a creative eye and an artistic sensibility. It also requires practical skills and an understanding of design. This nine-month certificate program hones your shooting abilities through hands-on practice with 35mm. At the same time, it grounds you in the basics of composition, fine art printing and the digital tools that will help you deliver high-quality creative images. Our instructors are working professionals who will teach you what it takes to turn an ordinary picture into an extraordinary one.

If a picture tells a thousand words, then professional photographers are some of the best storytellers around. Learn to tell stories with eye-catching images that will expand your audience and income potential. Whether you're aiming for a fast-paced career in photojournalism, a creative career in fashion, or just want to improve your skills, you'll learn how to create a visual narrative that draws eyes, praise and profits. As you earn your certificate, you'll learn:

- Lighting, editing and composition
- How to create a professional portfolio
- Darkroom techniques
- Digital editing, output and more

Picture Yourself with a Certificate in Photography

The University of Washington is a top-rated university with a world-class digital photo lab, wet chemical darkroom faculty and art programs. The Photography Certificate course is approved by the University of Washington, School of Art. And because the program includes flexible hours and class schedules, you can keep your career on track at the same time you move it forward.

Fast Facts

Jobs in the photography field range from highly specialized, technical work to jobs that require creativity and visual literacy.

Careers include:

- Photojournalist
- Portrait photographer
- Commercial/industrial photographer
- Fine arts photographer
- Nature and wildlife photography
- Forensic photographer
- Fashion photographer
- Commercial/industrial photographer

Course Highlights

The Photography Certificate Program will enhance your understanding of this art form and take your skills to a new level. The following courses are required for the Photography certificate (Please see Web site for full course details).

It's the Image that Communicates

Explore photography's origins during this introduction to photographic techniques, before taking a closer look at contemporary images. Gain hands-on skills and techniques using both wet chemical and digital photographic processes to create your own high quality photographs.

Photographic Techniques and Practical Considerations

Learn how to make the most of Adobe Photoshop then move from basic to advanced techniques where you'll develop a project and produce a print portfolio using either traditional or digital photographic techniques.

Advanced Photographic Applications

Learn to harness the power of advanced digital techniques for precise selections and color corrections. Using traditional and/or digital techniques, you'll also learn how to plan, organize and present a photo exhibition.

About UW Extension

Learning through UW Extension gives working professionals the quality education that will take your career to the next level, whether you long for a promotion or a shift to a completely new field. All UW Extension programs are designed by UW faculty, industry experts and community leaders. To ensure you receive first-rate instruction, every UW Extension program must be approved by the corresponding University of Washington academic department. UW advisory boards are continually reviewing programs and updating the curriculum to meet the evolving demands of specific fields.


The University of Washington is one of the oldest state-supported institutions of higher education on the West Coast, and one of the preeminent research universities in the world. With nationally ranked academic excellence, facilities, and a diverse student and faculty population, the UW is a leading-edge university with global influence.

About UW Certificate Programs

You already work hard at your existing job, and going back to school is a serious commitment. That's why UW certificate programs are designed around you, with flexible schedules and a choice of part-time, full-time or even online study, depending on the program. A UW certificate gives you the knowledge and credibility to open doors for the rest of your professional life, whether you're moving up the career ladder or switching careers altogether.

Learn more about the program

For complete details, visit the Web site:

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Attend an information meeting.

Interested in a certificate? You can ask questions and meet instructors and former students at these free meetings. For meeting dates, times and locations, please go to our Web site.

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