

Visual and Creative Arts – Advanced

Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 3 years



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Define yourself as an artist and launch your career in art and design.

Build a broad base of artistic techniques in a studio setting

Our faculty of professional artists will help you hone your artistic voice and build a mature body of work. Get rigorous in-studio training in 2D and 3D design, observational and life drawing*, colour theory and painting and more. (*Note: You'll be required, as part of the curriculum, to study life drawing and painting. This regularly includes drawing the nude figure and the study of human anatomy.)

Develop advanced skills and knowledge with specialty arts electives

You'll choose specialty electives to build on your existing toolset, learning advanced techniques, new disciplines and intermediate theory. With a broader base of experience and specialized knowledge, you'll increase your marketable skills. Electives you can choose from include courses in 2D design and graphic communication, 3D design, sculpture and fabrication, drawing and painting.

Learn how to go into business as a professional artist, designer or entrepreneur

Our exclusive third-year Professional Practice course will teach you how to turn your artistic practice into a viable career or start your own business. You'll meet guest professionals and learn how to apply for artist residencies, grants, exhibitions, design competitions and more. You'll also build a portfolio of work and learn how to market yourself and promote your art on social media.

Career opportunities

Visual arts professionals are often self-employed. This program helps prepare graduates with marketable skills and critical thinking abilities to open their own studios or businesses. Other students apply to our Bachelor's degree programs, such as Art and Art History, Animation and Illustration.

Graduates have also found employment in areas such as:

- Graphic art and design
- Illustration
- Photographer's assistants
- Public art projects
- Digital prepress
- Gallery operation
- Signage
- Entrepreneur

Courses

Some of the courses you can expect to take in your program

- 2D and 3D Design
- Colour Theory
- Observational Drawing
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Sculpture

Admission requirements

Program eligibility

Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent, including these required courses:

- One English, Grade 12 (ENG4C or ENG4U)

or

Mature student status.

Applicant selection

Eligible applicants are selected on the basis of their previous academic achievement (the average of their six highest senior-level credits, including required courses).

Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements for this program may be advised individually regarding other related programs.

English language proficiency

All applicants whose first language is not English must meet Sheridan's English proficiency requirements.

Refer to the website for full admission requirements.

How to apply:

5 easy steps

- 1 Find your program
- 2 Check the admission requirements
- 3 Apply online
- 4 Submit your documentation
- 5 Accept your offer

Ready to get started?

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International students

Find out more about...

- Post-graduation work permit (PGWP) eligibility
- Admission requirements
- English language proficiency requirements
- Fees and financial aid
- Provincial Attestation Letters (PALs)

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