Sheridan

Visual Effects

Ontario College Graduate Certificate | 1 year
Trafalgar Campus (Oakville)

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Develop your artistic and technical skills for the visual effects industry.

Art and technology

Visual effects is truly a balance of left and right brain thinking. You must be able to understand and utilize both art and technology to create effective visual effects. Only by exploring the latest software and technology in-depth, will you be able to apply and grow your artistic talent.

Be a part of the film-making process

Whether it's creating massive destruction scenes or expanding the scope of production, nearly every film now requires visual effects for support. By collaborating with students in other filmmaking programs, you'll learn to become part of the film production process and capable of creating and integrating any digital elements required to tell the story.

Now and then

You'll come to Sheridan with artistic ability and experience using 3D software. We'll build on that foundation over a period of 10 months and teach you the tools and techniques to become a successful visual effects artist. We'll help you explore and realize your visions and find your path in the visual effects industry.

Career opportunities

The Sheridan Visual Effects program will help to prepare you to enter the film and television industry. You'll have experienced each step in visual effects production so you may choose to continue on as a generalist or specialize in one of the skills that interests you the most.

Sample Job Titles

- 3D Animator
- Compositor
- Effects Artist
- Lighter
- Match Mover

Courses

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

- Cinematography and Rendering
- Compositing
- Dynamics and Effects
- Pre-Production
- VFX Production and Post-Production

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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Admission requirements

Program eligibility

One of the following:

- Sheridan's Computer Animation program; OR
- A postsecondary diploma or degree in art and/or design; OR
- Demonstrated competence through relevant educational and/or work experience.

Credentials earned at less than the equivalent of an Ontario College Diploma will not be considered as having met the academic entrance requirements.

Applicant selection

Candidates to the program are selected based on one of the following:

- Applicants from Sheridan's Computer Animation certificate with a minimum program GPA of 3.0 at the time of application will not require a portfolio.
- Applicants from Sheridan's Computer Animation certificate with a GPA less than 3.0 at the time of application will be required to submit a portfolio.
- Applicants without Sheridan's Computer Animation certificate who have demonstrated competence through other relevant educational and/or work experience will be required to submit a portfolio.

The Office of the Registrar will update your application in the Sheridan Applicant Portal to let you know if a portfolio is required. Detailed portfolio requirements including due date and submission instructions will be provided. Please note that there is a portfolio assessment fee.

Sample portfolio instructions:

- Submit a portfolio of five to maximum 20 images of your own work. Demo reel must demonstrate 3D software skills (Maya or Houdini preferred), modelling, lighting/rendering and a clear understanding of compositing fundamentals (Nuke preferred).
- Provide a breakdown that clearly explains the artistic and technical development process and work done by you on each image/video submitted in your portfolio.

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.