

PHOTOGRAPHY TECHNOLOGY

Is Photography Technology for me?

The field is for you if you ...

- Are a self-starter.
- Have strong visual skills.
- Can easily understand technical information.
- Are quick to learn new information.
- Enjoy creative challenges.
- Have strong communication skills.
- Have a good imagination.

What skills will I need for this field?

You will need to have ...

- Application of marketing principles and management methods.
- Interpretation of financial reports on product/service lines or store operations.
- Good oral and written communications skills.
- Effective teamwork skills.
- Computer software applications familiarity.

What is the work atmosphere like?

Whether the job is located indoors or outdoors depends largely on the type of job situation. Hours can range from a regular 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job to a very, very flexible schedule. Traditional schedules are possible when working for a corporate photography department, a large studio, or as a lab-processing specialist.

Flexible schedules are common with self-employment, freelance photography, photographer's assistants or other types of non-office jobs. Weekend, night and unusual work hours are common; deadlines are usually very firm, often with short time lines. Good communication skills are needed.

What are my degree options?

Certificates

Photography

Associate's Degree

Associate in Applied Science (AAS)

Photography

Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor's degrees are available by transferring to four-year colleges and universities. For example: Columbia College, Chicago.

Professional Certification

Professional certification is not required, but many photographers choose to affiliate with one of two major professional organizations:

- The Professional Photographers of America (PPA); primarily for studio portraiture and small-scale commercial photographers.
- The American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP); primarily for journalistic, editorial and advertising photographers.

What are my career opportunities?

Again, this would depend largely on the type of employment. Advancement opportunities for self-employed photographers are self-directed. Advancement is available to a management level in corporate, industrial processing laboratories and journalistic situations.

What can I do with these degrees?

If you have completed ...

High School Diploma

Lab Assistant, Photographer's Assistant

Certificate

Digital Image Specialist, Editorial Photographer, Fashion Photographer, Freelance Photographer, Industrial/Corporate Photographer, Lab Technician, Photographer's Assistant, Photographic Sales, Photographic Stylist, Photo Journalist, Portrait Photographer, Product Photographer, Studio Owner/Manager, Studio Photographer, Wedding Photographer

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Digital Image Specialist, Editorial Photographer, Fashion Photographer, Freelance Photographer, Industrial/Corporate Photographer, Lab Technician, Photographer's Assistant, Photographic Sales, Photographic Stylist, Photo Journalist, Portrait Photographer, Product Photographer, Studio Owner/Manager, Studio Photographer, Wedding Photographer

Bachelor's Degree

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How can I prepare now?

Recommended courses ...

Math

Beginning Geometry and Algebra

Science

Chemistry, Physics and Computer Science

Communications

Speech, Written Communications, Literature

Occupational Electives

Photography, Graphic Arts, Design

Recommended Supporting Electives

Art, Art History, Commercial Art, Visual Communications, Media Studies

What about my articulated credit?

Check with your high school coordinator to see if you are eligible for articulated credit at College of DuPage.

What should I take in my first semester at C.O.D.?

PHOTO 1100: Fundamentals of Photography
PHOTO 1101: Foundations of Digital Photography
PHOTO 1102: Foundations of Film Photography
PHOTO 1102: History of Photography

Whom can I talk to for more information?

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For more information on the Associate in Applied Science Degree curriculum, see your program coordinator or go to www.cod.edu.