



## ADOBE PHOTOSHOP CS5 (ACA) COURSE



The **Adobe Photoshop CS5 (ACA) Course** is designed to help students prepare for the Adobe Certified Associate Photoshop examination. All course materials are officially endorsed by Adobe.

The course consists of Officially endorsed ACA Courses books, accompanying CD Rom's containing exercise files and online CertBlaster Exam Preparation Software.

**Please Note:** This course is not compatible with Apple Mac Computers.

### Adobe Photoshop CS5 Basics Course Book:

In this course book, students will learn how to use Photoshop CS5 to create professional-looking images for both print and the Web. Students will learn about image copyright, identify the components of the Photoshop environment, learn about the differences between raster and vector graphics, and learn how to use Adobe Bridge. Students will also explore various methods of selecting image areas and will learn how to modify and manipulate selections. In addition, students will learn how to work with text, layers, and layer effects; how to adjust, retouch, and resize images; and how to prepare images for printing and the Web.

#### ➤ **Unit 1: Getting Started**

The following topics are covered: Image copyrights; Digital images; The Photoshop environment; and Getting help.

#### ➤ **Unit 2: Working with Image Selections**

The following topics are covered: Selection techniques; and Modifying selections.

#### ➤ **Unit 3: Working with Layers**

The following topics are covered: Creating layers; Modifying layers; Using Type layers; and Using layer effects.

#### ➤ **Unit 4: Adjusting Images**

The following topics are covered: Image modes; Hue and saturation adjustments; and Levels adjustments.

#### ➤ **Unit 5: Retouching Images**

The following topics are covered: Repairing image defects; Removing image areas; Painting; and Using filters.

#### ➤ **Unit 6: Resizing Images**

The following topics are covered: Image resolution; and Image canvas size.

**Price:**  
£150.00

#### **Instalment Options:**

You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £60.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £30.00.

#### **Course Format:**

Course Books, CD Rom & Online Exam Preparation Software

#### **Assessment:**

Adobe ACA Examination

#### **Approximate Study Time:**

80 Hours of Self Study

## ➤ **Unit 7: Preparing Finished Images**

The following topics are covered: Images for Web use; Images for print use; Outputting images; Printing an image; Importing images; and ACA exam objectives.

### **Adobe Photoshop CS5 Advanced Course Book:**

In this course book, students will learn how to use Colour fills, gradients, patterns, and overlays and will also create layer masks, grayscale masks, and clipping masks to show or hide various parts of an image. Students will then learn how to create and edit paths and convert type to paths. In addition, students will learn how to apply a variety of creative effects, use the Vanishing Point feature and Smart Filters. Finally, students will learn how to work more efficiently in Photoshop.

## ➤ **Unit 1: Fills & Overlays**

The following topics are covered: Filling image areas; Gradients and patterns; and Layer overlays.

## ➤ **Unit 2: Masks**

The following topics are covered: Mask channels; Layer masks; Grayscale masks; and Clipping masks.

## ➤ **Unit 3: Vector Paths**

The following topics are covered: Creating vector paths; Editing vector paths; Vector masks; and Paths for creative imagery.

## ➤ **Unit 4: Creative Image Effects**

The following topics are covered: Painted effects; Warping; Efficient compositing; Vanishing Point; and Smart Filters.

## ➤ **Unit 5: Automating Tasks**

The following topics are covered: Actions; Organising actions; Batch processing; Customising Photoshop; and ACA exam objectives.

### **Adobe Photoshop CS5 Production Course Book:**

This course book focuses on the specific information needed to create professional-looking images for high-end business printers and commercial print shops. Students will learn project management basics and how to create layer comps. They will also learn how to optimize Colour management for print. They will explore various techniques for adjusting the quality of an image and making Colour adjustments.

Students will learn how to use CYMK separations for prepress, customize ink options, and adjust CYMK curves and will also explore various options for using grayscale, spot-Colour, and duotones. Finally, they will learn how to optimize images for the Web, balancing quality and file size, and how to prepare images for use in video productions

## ➤ **Unit 1: Project Management**

The following topics are covered: Project plans; Layer comps; and Design principles.

## ➤ **Unit 2: Colour Management**

The following topics are covered: Colour management basics; Colour space conversion; and Printing with Colour management.

## ➤ **Unit 3: Photographic Techniques**

The following topics are covered: The camera raw format; Photographic adjustments; Lens adjustments; and Merging images.

## ➤ **Unit 4: RGB Image Adjustments**

The following topics are covered: Colour correction principles; Measuring Colour; Automatic adjustments; Curves adjustments; Hand-retouching Colour; and Colour replacement.

## ➤ **Unit 5: CMYK Separations**

The following topics are covered: Prepress Colour settings; CMYK image adjustments; and Sharpening.

## ➤ **Unit 6: Greyscale & Spot Colours**

The following topics are covered: Grayscale conversion; Spot-Colour images; and Duotones.

## ➤ **Unit 7: Web & Video Images**

The following topics are covered: Web image size; Optimising images for the Web; Fine-tuning quality; Creating transparency; Preparing images for video.

### **Pre-Requirements:**

There are no particular entry requirements as the course is set out for beginners although students will require their own version of Adobe Photoshop CS5 to complete the course.

### **Course Duration & Support:**

Students may register at any time. The courses are designed as self-study courses but if you have any problems you can email our email support. As the course is self study you can complete in as little or as long a time as you prefer, and we do not impose a cut-off date for study.

### **Assessment:**

Assessment is in the form an Adobe Certified Associate Examination. Examinations are in a multiple choice/multiple answer format.

### **Qualification:**

On Completion of Course, you can apply for your **ACA Video Communication with Photoshop Examination**.

Examinations must be sat at a registered Certiport testing centre. Exam Vouchers can be bought directly from Prodigy UK for £65.00 and you can locate testing centres and schedule appointments on their Website: <http://www.prodigyuk.co.uk/>



**Please Note:** Exam Centre's will usually charge an additional proctoring fee (Approximately £20.00) for sitting exams.