

Unit: Photography Preparation

Adjusting and enhancing your images using Photoshop CS3

Overview/Description:

Photoshop CS3 is a graphics-editing program. At some stage you will want to know how to straighten or 'crop' an image or you may want to adjust an over- or under-exposed photo.

This unit shows you how to use some of the common tools in Photoshop CS3. It also shows you how to prepare your images in preparation for using the software called 'Pictures To Exe'.

Target Audience:

People who want to learn how to adjust and enhance images using Photoshop CS3.

Prerequisites:

- Basic understanding of computers.
- Basic photography skills.

Completion of the following unit within this course:

- Project Administration.

Recall

For this unit it is important to have your file structure set up as outlined in the unit *Project Administration – Lesson 3 How to create folders, Practice exercise*.

Requirements

File Structure needed for this unit

- PhotoPrep
 - Subfolder1
 - Subfolder2

Rename "Subfolder1" and "Subfolder2" to "OriginalImages" and "ResizedImages".

This unit includes lessons on how to modify and enhance images. Sample photographs are included in some lessons. These can be downloaded to your computer giving you the opportunity to work along with each lesson using the same image as used in the video. Alternatively you can use your own photographs. This unit also covers preparing images that will be used in the slideshow presentation.

Learning Objectives

After completing this unit you should be able to:

- Open Photoshop CS3.
- Identify the different components making up the workspace in Photoshop CS3.
- Resize digital camera photos.
- Crop photos.
- Crop using the “rule of thirds”.
- Crop to a specific size.
- Straighten crooked photos.
- Fix underexposed photos using the levels dialog box.
- Fix underexposed photos using the exposure dialog box.
- Create a digital frame.
- Add a vignette.
- Resize images in Photoshop in preparation for Pictures ToExe.

This unit covers the following lessons:

Lesson 1 Opening Photoshop CS3.

Lesson 2 Identifying the different components making up the workspace in Photoshop CS3.

Lesson 3 How to resize digital camera photos.

Lesson 4 How to crop photos.

Lesson 5 How to crop an image using the “rule of thirds”.

Lesson 6 How to crop to a specific size.

Lesson 7 How to straighten crooked photos.

Lesson 8 How to fix underexposed photos using the levels dialog box.

Lesson 9 How to fix underexposed photos using the exposure dialog box.

Lesson 10 How to create a digital frame.

Lesson 11 How to add a vignette.

Lesson 12 How to resize images in preparation for PicturesToExe.

Photography Preparation Final Assessment Exercise.

Photography Preparation Review.

Photography Preparation Quiz.

Photography Preparation Credits

Photography Preparation F.A.Q.