Inform. Captivate. Communicate. Inspire. Effective graphic design accomplishes all these objectives at once.

If you have an artistic eye and a knack for organizing information in a way that makes sense to others, a career in graphic design may be for you. UNLV Continuing Education offers coursework and certificate programs to build the design skills employers covet. Training in graphic design opens job opportunities in design services, publishing, advertising, public relations, and related industries. Alternately, many people utilize design skills as part of another role within their company.

We know you are busy. With this in mind, most of UNLV Continuing Education’s Print and Graphic Design Certificates classes meet just one evening per week. There is no limit on the number of courses you can take each semester, giving you flexibility to complete your certificate as quickly or as leisurely as you like. Students are welcome to enroll in courses without the intention of completing a certificate.

Internet tutorials are great for tips and tricks, but to truly understand the whys and hows of graphic design, you need to start with the fundamentals. Lessons in design theory are integrated into all coursework.

Constructive feedback will help you on your journey to becoming a skilled designer. Our instructors bring years of professional experience to the classroom. Not only are they experts on the technical side, they also provide valuable insight into project management, client relations, and the graphic design industry.

Adobe’s industry-leading software products are the foundation of your design education. Although we provide the required software in our computer labs during instruction, you also need access to the software to complete exercises, assignments, and projects.

Supplement your Training
In today’s multi-media world, design professionals are often called upon to play multiple roles within a company. Even if your primary job is design, you may also be asked to head up a social media campaign, write media releases, edit video, or photograph products or events. To view a full listing of upcoming classes call 702-895-3394 or visit continuingeducation.unlv.edu.
Print Design Option
Students pursuing a certificate in print design build proficiency in the core print design software tools used in the commercial printing and graphic design industry. Study the essential concepts of print design and the Adobe applications designers use to complete their projects. To earn the Print Design Certificate students must successfully complete four required courses and register for the certificate application course.
- Adobe Illustrator–Level I
- Adobe Photoshop–Level I
- Adobe InDesign–Level I
- Print Design Capstone: From Pre-Press to Production

Graphic Design Option
Master more advanced design theory and execute more technically demanding projects. To earn a Graphic Design Certificate, take the following six required courses, complete a minimum of 1.3 CEUs of electives, and register for the certificate application course.
- Adobe Illustrator–Level I
- Adobe Illustrator–Level II
- Adobe Photoshop–Level I
- Adobe Photoshop–Level II
- Adobe InDesign–Level I
- Graphic Design Capstone: Designing Your Brand Using Adobe Software

Courses are offered on a rotating basis. Electives give students the opportunity to focus their design and skills within an area of interest.

An eye-catching portfolio can be the deciding factor in landing a design job. Whether you are interviewing for a position at a company or pitching your services to a client, your work will be scrutinized on both its artistic and technical merit. The print and graphic design capstone courses let designers showcase their creative vision and technical design skills in an integrated multi-media portfolio project.

Enroll in an upcoming session
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