

Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications Career Cluster

The Arts, A/V Technology and Communications (AAVTC) Career Cluster focuses on careers in designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services. Careers in the AAVTC career cluster require a creative aptitude, a strong background in computer and technology applications, a strong academic foundation, and a proficiency in oral and written communication.

Graphic Design & Multimedia Arts Statewide Program of Study



The Graphic Design and Multimedia Arts program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with designing or creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs, such as packaging, displays, or logos. This program of study may also include exploration into designing clothing and accessories, and creating special effects, animation, or other visual images using film, video, computers, or other electronic tools and media, for use in computer games, movies, music videos, and commercials.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

- Principles of Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications

Level 2

- Graphic Design and Illustration I
- Animation I

Level 3

- Graphic Design and Illustration II/Lab
- Animation II/Lab

Level 4

- Practicum in Graphic Design and Illustration
- Practicum in Animation

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities	Work-Based Learning Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join a website development or coding club Participate in SkillsUSA or TSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intern with a multimedia or animation studio Obtain a certificate or certification in graphic design

Industry-Based Certifications

- Adobe Certified Professional in Graphic Design and Illustration Using Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Certified Professional in Multiplatform Animation using Adobe Animate

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Animation, Interactive Technology, Video Graphics and Special Effects
- Graphic Design
- Game and Interactive Media Design

Bachelor's Degrees

- Animation, Interactive Technology, Video Graphics and Special Effects
- Graphic Design
- Game and Interactive Media Design

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Animation, Interactive Technology, Video Graphics and Special Effects
- Graphic Design
- Intermedia/Multimedia

Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Graphic Designers	\$44,824	1,433	15%
Multimedia Artists and Animators	\$67,392	186	21%

Successful completion of the Graphic Design & Multimedia Arts program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry endorsement. Revised – August 2022

