

# GUIDED PATHWAY: VISUAL DESIGN LEVEL I CERTIFICATE

CREATIVE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, and DESIGN CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Multimedia webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/multimedia) [www.dcccd.edu/multimedia] and your academic advisor at your campus.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing the Visual Design Level I Certificate. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn a Visual Design Level I Certificate. Courses from this certificate may apply to the related A.A.S. degree. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

The Visual Design Certificate prepares students for image creation and manipulation on the computer. Courses focus on graphics, digital imaging techniques, animation and 3D graphics manipulation. Students also learn to incorporate graphics in pages for the internet, print and motion graphics. Courses that complete the Visual Design Level I Certificate are noted below.

Students pursuing this certificate are waived from the [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#) standards, but must meet course prerequisites.

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| Catalog Year        | 2020-2021                                | You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date. |
| Degree Type         | Level I Certificate                      |  |
| GPA Requirement     | Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher |  |
| <a href="#">TSI</a> | May be Exempt                            |  |

## SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official degree plan. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

### CERTIFICATE MINIMUM: 36 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

#### SEMESTER 1

**Total Hours: 12**

[IMED 1316](#) – Web Design I

[ARTC 1359](#) – Visual Design for New Media

**CHOOSE ONE:** [IMED 1301](#) – Introduction to Digital Media **OR**

[ARTC 1305](#) – Basic Graphic Design

**CHOOSE ONE:** [ARTC 1302](#) – Digital Imaging I **OR**

[ARTS 2348](#) – Digital Media

#### SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach to research your career options and opportunities for job shadowing.

#### SEMESTER 2

**Total Hours: 12**

[ARTV 1351](#) – Digital Video

[ARTV 1303](#) – Basic Animation

[ARTC 1353](#) – Computer Illustration

[ARTS 1316](#) – Drawing I

#### SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search.

#### SEMESTER 3

**Total Hours: 12**

[ARTC 2305](#) – Digital Imaging II *This is the capstone experience for the certificate.*

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**CHOOSE ONE:** [ARTV 1345](#) – 3-D Modeling & Rendering I **OR**  
[ARTC 1317](#) – Design Communication I

\* Elective Course must be selected from the following: ARTC 1313, ARTC 2340, ARTS 1317, ARTS 2316, ARTS 2356, ARTV 1311, ARTV 2301, ARTV 2341, IMED 1391, IMED 2313, IMED 2315

***SEMESTER 3 ACTION ITEMS***

1. Meet with your advisor to apply for the Visual Design Level I Certificate.

**PATHWAY TOTAL: 36 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**