



Chicago Photography Academy

One Year Certificate Program

Summary

A one year certificate program with objectives, goals and results to provide participants with a real and useful grounding in photography, a supportive and structured program framework, a thriving and creative community and a resume enhancing portfolio.

Classes to complete in 12 months:

- Digital 101 (four weeks)
- Intermediate Digital (four weeks)
- Adobe Lightroom 101(one day weekend)
- Advanced Lightroom (one day weekend)
- Portrait 101 (four weeks)
- Wedding (one day weekend)
- Advanced Portraiture (two day weekend)
- Detachable Flash (two day weekend)
- Product and Tabletop (two day weekend)
- Portfolio, Critique and Show (four weeks)
- Advanced Digital (four week)

6 Progress Review Sessions (one every 2 months)

Free use of professional lighting studio on Monday and Thursday evenings for portfolio and assignment purposes.

Internship assisting for six beginner classes

Participation in CPA Summer Exhibition at the school

Paid and unpaid job referrals via enquiries to the school

Final portfolio review

Certificate of completion of CPA one year program



Assignments

Students will receive two certificate assignments to be completed after each class has ended. One of the assignments will be to demonstrate an understanding of the technical material covered in class and the other assignment will encourage creative use of the information learned.

Completed assignments will be presented at each of the six progress reviews included in the program.

Progress Review

Students will attend six progress review sessions. Each session will last approximately one hour and will be in a group with other students. Completed assignments and portfolio updates will be presented to the instructor.

Lighting Studio

The lighting studio will be available on Monday and Saturday evenings from 6pm until 10pm. Students will be required to book the studio in advance. Unsupervised use of the studio requires completion of the Portrait 101 class. Certificate students may use the lighting studio during the above times to complete assignments and portfolio updates. Students may only reserve a single session in advance.

Internship

Certificate students will assist instructors for the first two and a half hours of class in six beginner classes. You will be assisting new students in setting up their cameras.

Summer Exhibition

The CPA Summer Exhibition will feature work from Certificate students only. Participation is required in order to complete the Certificate Program.



Job Referrals

CPA often receives requests for student photographers to complete various photography projects. Some are paid and some are for experience only. We pass these requests directly to Certificate students as soon as they are received.

Final Portfolio Review

Certificate students will complete a final portfolio review before being awarded their one-year certificate. You will be working on your portfolio throughout the year.

Certificate Award

Upon successful completion of the Certificate Program, students will be awarded the Chicago Photography Academy Certificate of Completion of our One-Year Professional Photography Program.

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