

Introduction to Adobe Photoshop Elements

In this course you will learn how to use the Photoshop Elements editor, enabling you to edit and manipulate photos and images. You will also learn how to blend multiple images and add text.

1. Getting started

This session will get you started if you have not used Photoshop Elements before. It will give you an idea of some of the techniques used in editing digital or scanned photos.

Aims of this session

To introduce you to Photoshop Elements, and get to know the layout of the screen.

On completing this session you will be able to

- Load Photoshop Elements and close it when finished.
- Open and close both the Organiser and Editor screen and know the basic functions of both, especially the Editor as this is the one you will be working in.
- In the Editor screen be able to understand the majority of the tools in the toolbox.
- In the Editor screen understand or be aware of most of the options on the Menu Bar, Shortcuts Bar and Options Bar.
- In the Editor screen be able to understand the functions of the Photo Bin, Palettes and Palette Bin.
- Use the Help facility.
- Use basic Print

2. Edit and enhance your photos

Aims of this session

To load a photo then edit and enhance it using simple techniques.

On completing this session you will be able to

- Load one or more photos into the Editor
- Use the cropping tool to select part of an image then save it.
- Crop an image to a given size and resolution.
- Crop an image using the Cookie Cutter Tool. This will crop to a chosen shape.
- Produce an image with a softer edge by using the Feather Option.
- Add a cool or warm filter to the photo via the Palette Bin.
- Add more filters so adding layers. Select and deselect each layer to produce different effects.
- Produce a black and white contrast layer.
- Adjust the hue and saturation of colour on a layer.

3. Using other options in the Adjustment Layer Menu

Aims of this session

To add and edit more layers using more complex techniques and edit colour.

On completing this session you will be able to

- Use invert to change your image from positive to negative.
- Use Gradient Map to add effects to your image
- Use the Enhance menu to adjust contrast, brightness and colour
- Use Enhance menu to change colour and replace colour

4. Blending and editing photos

Aims of this session

You will be able to blend two photos together and by adding more layers and adding more effects.

On completing this session you will be able to

- Blend two or more photos together by constructing more layers
- Create a soft edge around the blended photos
- Add and edit more filters including flare to enhance sections of a photo
- Edit a landscape photo to change appearance of sky and other areas of the image
- Be able to correct any physical colouring such as red eye and whitening teeth

5. Cutting images, merging and adding text

Aims of this session

To cut out a particular part of one photo and add it to another, more precise than blending. Then add text to completed photo.

On completing this session you will be able to

- Use the magnetic lasso tool to cut a section of one photo and merge it with another photo
- Use rotate, flip and skew with a cut image
- Use the Rubber Stamp to clone areas of a photo after or before merging
- Add text to an image in various formats