

METRO SCREEN TRAINING

Broadcast Graphics & Animation Scholarship Application Information



Thank you for your interest in this DET funded course. Please read the following information carefully, and contact the Training Department at Metro Screen if you have any questions. All the information you need in order to apply for a place on this course is detailed below.

The closing date for applications is Friday 4th July, 2008.

1. Course Information

Dates and times:

Starts: Friday August 1st 2008

Ends: Friday September 5th 2008

Wednesday evenings 6.15 – 9.15pm

Friday and Saturday daytimes 9.30am – 4.30pm

Course duration 75 hours in total.

Students may be required to spend some time working on coursework outside class times.

Cost: Registration fee of \$275 payable by successful applicants only (all other costs are covered by DET). The course is valued at \$2000.

Location: Metro Screen,
Paddington Town Hall, Cnr Oxford St & Oatley Rd Paddington Sydney NSW 2028

Prerequisites: Students should have basic knowledge of computer functionality and basic computer skills. Those students unfamiliar with Mac computers will be asked to familiarise themselves with the basic Mac interface prior to the course.

2. Course outline

Target group:

The course is open to those with little or no experience in animation, though basic computer literacy is essential. Extremely practical and industry relevant, the course aims to train students in those areas which are in demand and attractive to potential employers. We are looking for people who are working towards roles in the following areas:

- Post-Production
- Special effects
- Title Design
- Motion Graphics
- Web & Multimedia

Course structure and content:

This newly designed course has been developed in consultation with industry experts and will give students an introduction to broadcast graphics and animation. For those interested in pursuing a career in this area, the course will give you a taste of what to expect and grant access to industry experts and professionals able to give advice and share their knowledge and experience.

The focus is on solid technical proficiency and on developing an understanding of the role graphics and animation play in the screen industry as a whole. With a strong commercial emphasis, this course aims to prepare students for junior animation roles and work in TV or web graphics.

Students will learn to use Apple's Final Cut Pro 6, Motion 3, Adobe Illustrator & Cinema 4D.

Classes will involve lectures and demonstrations and weekly tasks focussing on:

- Editing techniques required for animation as well as other postproduction work
- Graphic design basics
- Character animation basics
- Titles, Promos and Logos for TV
- Text effects
- File management, file types, sizes and resolution
- Creating 2D Graphics
- Interstitials and Web Graphics
- An introduction to 3D modelling

On completion of the course, students should expect to have an understanding of design principles and how to pursue a career in broadcast graphics and animation; they can expect a basic skill level in the software listed above as well as the potential to expand their knowledge with possibilities of further studies and work experience.

Qualification:

A variety of assessment will be carried out during the course, mostly based on practical in-class exercises. Successful students will receive a Statement of Attainment from the Certificate III in Screen on completion of the course listing the following competencies:

CUFIMA03A	Create 2D digital animation
CUFIMA03A	Create 3D digital animation
ICAITU126A	Use advanced features of computer applications

(If you have already completed one or more of the Units of Competency above, please include this information in your resume, including where you were assessed. You are still eligible to apply for the course, however this information needs to be taken into account.)

3. How to Apply

15 people will be selected to join this course in the following process:

1. all interested individuals are asked to submit an application as detailed below.
2. a selection of applicants will be invited for a short interview at Metro Screen
3. all applicants will be notified on the outcome of their application.

To apply, please email/mail Claire Morgan, Training Manager with the following:

- a cover letter explaining why you want to do the course, which addresses the selection criteria below.
- a CV or resume including full details of any prior filmmaking experience and education.

NB: Please include details here if you have completed any of the units of competency listed in the Qualification section above.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be selected according to the following criteria:

- high level of interest in a career that includes broadcast graphics and animation
- demonstrated ability to commit to study for the course duration
- ability to communicate well and work well as part of a team.

Eligibility

Students:

- Must be either Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of Australia
- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must live within the greater Sydney Metropolitan area.
(NB: If you are not a Sydney resident, but would still like to apply, please contact Metro Screen to discuss your situation as in some circumstances, exceptions may be made.)
- Must not currently be involved in any other DET funded programs.