
Photoshop® 7.0: Level 2

Course Length: 1 Day

Certification: Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) Photoshop 7.0

Course Description

In this course, you'll learn skills that go beyond those covered in the *Photoshop® 7.0: Level 1* course. You'll further your understanding of isolating image areas by creating and saving masks with specialized tools, commands, modes, and layer elements. You'll learn how to use vector paths for a variety of purposes, including masking, clipping paths, and illustration. You'll also learn to create and apply creative elements such as gradients, patterns, and color overlays, and to save them along with effects in easy-to-apply layer styles. When you've completed the course, you'll have a firm grasp on Photoshop concepts that are applicable to almost every facet of using the application, including Web design, preparing photographic images for printing, and illustration.

Target Student: This course is designed for students who have completed the *Photoshop® 7.0: Level 1* course, or who have equivalent knowledge, and who want to learn additional, more advanced Photoshop techniques.

Prerequisites: To ensure your success, we recommend you first take the following course or have equivalent knowledge:

- *Photoshop® 7.0: Level 1*

Delivery Method: Instructor-led, group-paced, classroom-delivery learning model with structured hands-on activities.

Benefits: After completing this course, students will be able to use advanced techniques to isolate image areas with precision and efficiency. Students will be able to use several techniques to create complex masks. Students will also use layer styles to apply effects, colors, patterns, and gradients efficiently.

What's Next: After completing this course, students can move on to any or all of the following courses:

- *Photoshop 7.0: Web Production*
- *Photoshop 7.0: Artistic Effects*
- *Photoshop 7.0: Color Correction and Printing*

Certification

Photoshop® 7.0: Level 2 is one of five courseware titles that address the Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) Program objectives for the Photoshop 7.0 exam. The ACE Program is for graphic designers, Web designers, developers, systems integrators, value-added resellers, and business professionals who seek recognition for their expertise with specific Adobe products. Certification candidates must pass a product proficiency exam in order to become an Adobe Certified Expert.

Performance-Based Objectives

- Use Quick Mask mode, alpha channels, and layer masks to isolate image areas. Create clipping groups to use one layer's contents to mask another's.
- Create vector paths as tools for selecting images, for creating transparent areas in images to be used with other applications, and for drawing shapes.
- Create color swatches, gradients, and patterns, all of which can be saved and loaded in sets for convenience.
- Create layer styles that can apply effects, colors, patterns, and gradients in one step.
- Use the Background Eraser and the Extract command to create complex masks quickly and accurately, even for images with indistinct edges and very fine details.

Course Content

Lesson 1: Masking and Layers

- Topic 1A: Editing Quick Masks and Alpha Channels
- Topic 1B: Layer Masks
- Topic 1C: Grayscale Masking
- Topic 1D: Clipping Groups

Lesson 2: Vector Paths

- Topic 2A: Vector Path Concepts
- Topic 2B: Creating Vector Paths
- Topic 2C: Editing Paths
- Topic 2D: Using Paths for Masking

Lesson 3: Swatches, Gradients, Patterns

- Topic 3A: Swatches
- Topic 3B: Gradients
- Topic 3C: Patterns

Lesson 4: Layer Types and Styles

- Topic 4A: Fill Layers
- Topic 4B: Drawing and Painting Shapes
- Topic 4C: Layer Styles

Lesson 5: Advanced Masking

- Topic 5A: The Background Eraser
- Topic 5B: The Extract Command