

Visual Illustration Tools – Course 01

Technical Competency Checklist

Your instructor will ask you to demonstrate some of these for your Technical Grade. Before you meet with your instructor, prepare some examples that will show that you know how to do these things. Be ready to pull those up and explain to your instructor what you know about the topics.

- Managing. Gather assets, time mgmt, naming conventions. Thorough documentation and planning. Layers are named appropriately from a file you pull up for demonstration.
- Ethics. Explain Intellectual property, compliance, licensing, legal issues, copyright, digital citizenship. Answer questions related to any one of these topics.
- Publish certificates earned to Behance (Lynda, PluralSight)
- Has given Peer Reviews.
- All work completed and posted to Behance, as instructed.
- Completed ACA Practice Tests (PS & Ill) Production Standards—Graphics

During this portion, you can pull up files previously completed, and explain where/how these techniques were applied, or you may be asked to perform some of these tasks from scratch.

Illustrator

- Demonstrate setting up artboards.
- Explain/demonstrate making selections.
- Demonstrate making type on a path.
- Demonstrate use of guides/rulers.
- Demonstrate usage of drawing tools.
- Demonstrate using fills/strokes for characters and shapes.
- Demonstrate creating a seamless repeating pattern.
- Make a brush symbol, create a texture or pattern using the brush.

Photoshop

- Explain/demonstrate blend modes, layer effects, styles, and adjustments. What do they do? Explain Why/When you would use them?
- Apply color correction/masking to a picture.
- Demonstrate use of the pen tool.
- Demonstrate creating/formatting text and paragraphs.
- Compare different file formats. (TIFF, PNG, JPG, GIF, PDF, AI, EPS, PSD, OBJ, etc.)
- Raster/Vector
- Demonstrate use of healing/cloning tools.
- Demonstrate use of a clipping mask.
- Demonstrate use of a gradient mask.

Total—100 points possible: _____