

Photoshop 7.0: Level 2

Duration: 1 Day.

Prerequisites:

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

- *Photoshop® 7.0: Level 1*

Course Description:

In this course, you'll learn skills that go beyond those covered in the *Photoshop® 7.0: Level 2* 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.

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.

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