Professional Photography

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Online with Optional Weekly In-person Labs at Willmar and Hutchinson Campuses

About the Program

Ridgewater's Professional Photography faculty have made significant exciting changes that make this program now more accessible and flexible! Enjoy the convenience of online learning, while also accessing face-to-face application with faculty and classmates if it works for you during optional weekly lab time in Willmar or Hutchinson.

Learn with state-of-the-art studio equipment either in studio or shipped to your home. Whether you're pursuing a career or interested in a single class to upgrade your skills, better photography is our focus!

Master your digital camera and learn:
- Portrait studio operation
- Product photography (lighting, composition, positioning, etc.)
- Adobe Photoshop® and Lightroom® software
- Professional communication

Special Program Notes: Use the first semester to check out cameras, lenses, lights, and more from our vast equipment checkout inventory. Then make an educated purchase of your own camera body before starting your second semester. Lighting and special equipment are available for check out. If you plan to purchase a computer, faculty recommend Apple Mac products for photographers.

Career Info

Most professional photographers choose either portrait photography or commercial photography either in studio or on location. Portrait photography concentrates on people subjects while commercial photography focus on objects.

Digital photography has created new career opportunities. Many graduates are finding employment as digital imaging specialists.

Graduates may begin careers as studio staff assistants. Commercial photographers often relocate to metro areas. Portrait photography offers more mobility. Many alumni open their own studios.

Source: careerwise.minnstate.edu

Degrees and Certificates

Professional Photography Technology
    AAS Degree – 60 credits
    Diploma – 64 credits
    Certificate - 29 credits - NEW!

Program Distinctions

- Access to modern, professional equipment and studios
- Hands-on experience with real-world workflow
- Industry-experienced faculty
- Required hands-on internship experiences
- Strong alumni connections for field trips and shadowing

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