

# Certificate Programs: for creative lives and work



RISD has an unparalleled reputation for producing highly skilled, successful and internationally renowned creative practitioners.

With more than 100 years of expertise nurturing ‘critical making, thinking and innovation’ and ‘applying the principles of art and design to the requirements of trade and manufacture’, RISD Continuing Education (RISD|CE) Certificate Programs are designed to facilitate personal and professional development, by engaging students in sustained exploration and learning in specific creative disciplines.

These non-credit certificates are **flexible** to accommodate both your learning interests and schedule; **robust** by providing immersive, studio based learning that is current, relevant and integrally connected to creative sector development; and **impactful**—equipping you with skills, confidence, proficiency and real-world experience to accelerate your creative life and work.

Programs are led by diverse, expert faculty—academics, creative practitioners, entrepreneurs and industry leaders—with professional connections to multiple sectors. With no entry requirements, learn with motivated peers to develop your portfolio, broaden existing skills, explore a new career path or life pursuit, or start your own business— and build the network that will help you do it.

RISD|CE certificates offer an accessible, transformative and effective way to join a community of alumni who have accelerated their creative lives and work.

# How it Works

Accelerate your creative life and work, and enroll in one of RISD|CE'S Certificate Programs:

[Animation](#)

[Graphic Design](#)

[Interactive Design](#)

[Interior Design](#)

[Jewelry + Light Metals](#)

[Natural Science Illustration](#)

[Painting Studies](#)

[Photography](#)

[Product Development + Manufacturing](#)

All certificates are open admission. Students must be 18 years or older and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

All certificates require 162 hours of core study, and subsequent study in the concentration of your choice. Core study is a requirement of every certificate—providing a sound base for subsequent learning in specific disciplines. Students select from a range of core and concentration classes that best suit their interests and need—enabling students to select the route, experience and completion rate they choose. Students enroll in certificate classes at their own pace, but an approximate timeframe for certificate completion is 2 years.

With an average certificate program completion cost of \$5115 to \$8600, students pay per class—making certificates both accessible and affordable.

For individual certificate program guides, alumni stories and to register, visit [ce.risd.edu](http://ce.risd.edu)

“I established a solid foundation through its well-structured curriculum, taught by inspiring artists who are eager to share their knowledge and experiences. Open critique sessions further propelled me to take on the role as an artist instead of an art student.”

—FRANNY LEE, Drawing + Painting Studies, 2015

“The RISD|CE program helped me turn a hobby I love into a career I enjoy. A solid portfolio and dedication will get you the job, but having RISD on your resume will get you in the door.”

—HEATHER AUCLAIR, Jewelry + Light Metals, 2013

“After receiving my certificate I began working for one of the top 100 design firms in the nation. I have gone on to work on projects from coast to coast.”

—JOSH SHOCKLEY, Interior Design, 2007