

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION



CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

# PURSUE YOUR PASSION

# EXPAND YOUR SKILLS

## AREAS OF FOCUS

PNCA offers Certificates in **Graphic Design, Illustration, Sculpture and Drawing + Painting**. Our Certificate Program serves adult learners seeking a flexible learning schedule to develop their creative skills—as well as a professional portfolio—without compromise to their personal goals and responsibilities.



**Designed with working adults in mind**, all program requirements can be completed on a part-time schedule of courses and activities in PNCA's Continuing Education program, which are predominately held during weekends and evening times.

**Certificate candidates generally fulfill the required 15 units of study and studio work within two years**, but the speed of completion is up to the individual student. Program requirements are presented as course clusters to allow for a personalization of study from the start and to align with the varied experiences and goals of each Certificate Candidate.

# STUDY AT YOUR OWN PACE

# CHOOSE YOUR CREATIVE PATH.

## GRAPHIC DESIGN

*Core Classes:*

Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop or other Adobe Courses

Intro to Graphic Design, Advanced Graphic Design

Typography, Calligraphy

Design Studios, Iconography

Professional Development and Marketing

Photography Studios

Illustration Studios

Storyboarding, Motion Graphics

## ILLUSTRATION

*Core Classes:*

Drawing Studios

Illustration Studios

Design Studios

Painting Studios

Animation Studios

Professional Development and Marketing

Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop or other Adobe Courses

Typography, Calligraphy

Scriptwriting

## SCULPTURE

*Core Classes:*

Sculpture Studios (Ceramics, Metals, Glass, Wood, Fibers, etc)

Drawing Studios

Painting Studios

Photography Studios

Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop or other Adobe Course

## DRAWING + PAINTING

*Core Classes:*

Drawing Studios

Painting Studios

Illustration Studios

Photography Studios

Certificates require 15 units of study; each class being worth one unit. 10 units must be made up of Core Classes, 5 are electives and can be drawn from any area of study. Each "Studios" section is an umbrella for a range of classes. We are here to work with you to design a curriculum that meets your needs.





# COMMUNITY

YOU BELONG HERE.

Pursuing a certificate at PNCA goes a lot deeper than just taking classes; you are joining a dynamic and thriving artistic community. Certificate students join the student body in full, receiving a student ID, a PNCA email account and access to the fantastic Albert Solheim Library. You also gain access to Homeroom; our online community page, and are invited all PNCA events, including visiting artist lectures, show openings, and networking opportunities.

Classes are led by diverse and talented faculty: Professional artists, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, many of whom are also BFA faculty here. They bring not only their skills, but also their industry experience to the classroom, and are invaluable mentors.

Attending PNCA as a Certificate student is the perfect way to deepen your practice, sharpen your skills, and expand your artistic community.

Welcome.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHEN DO I APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM?

We offer a rolling application process. To be admitted for a specific term you must apply and be accepted by the first week of classes.

## HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM?

Most students complete the program in two years, taking 2-3 courses or workshops each quarter.

## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?

Upon acceptance into the program, register for classes using our online registration system. Include the "Certificate Fee" from the "add options" pull down menu. This will let your instructor know that you are a Certificate Student and they will know to grade you for your work.

## IS COURSE ADVISING AVAILABLE?

Yes. Students can make an appointment with the program manager to review their upcoming schedule.

## ARE STUDENTS GRADED?

Yes. Students are graded at the end of each course. In order for students to be awarded unit credits they must get a passing grade.

## HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

Each program and student is unique but students can expect to spend an estimated \$6100-\$7500 to complete a Certificate over the course of the program.

## CAN I GET UNIT CREDITS FOR A CLASS I ALREADY TOOK?

You must be admitted into the Certificate/Endorsement Program before taking a class or be admitted while taking a class in order to be eligible for Certificate Unit Credits. Credits will not be awarded retroactively.

## WHAT IF I'M ALREADY SKILLED IN ONE OF THE CLASSES I'M BEING ASKED TO TAKE?

One of the great benefits of having such an intimately sized program is that we are able to tailor each student's plan of study to their needs and experience. In most cases, commensurate experience can substitute for a prerequisite.

## IS THERE FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?

PNCA does not have financial aid to offer to Certificate students. U.S. Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) does not offer student grants or loans to certificate candidates.

We do accept financial assistance through private-sector sources, including artist grants and fellowships. AmeriCorps alumni can use their education award toward their classes.

## WILL I BE EQUIPPED WITH SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT WHEN I FINISH THE PROGRAM?

Our classes are all taught by industry professionals, many of whom are also BFA faculty, and you will be learning creative skills at a collegiate level. While, like any school, we cannot guarantee employment, we do have a variety of classes designed to help students prepare an online portfolio and market their work.

**STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**

**EMAIL US AT [CE@PNCA.EDU](mailto:CE@PNCA.EDU)**

## PNCA CE Certificate Application Form

### Intended area of study

- Graphic Design    Illustration    Studio Arts    Drawing + Painting

### Educational history

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College/University Name	City/State/Country	Dates Attended	Major	Degree
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### Application Agreement

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements submitted by me are correct, complete, and my own. I understand that this application and all other records gathered for my application are confidential and will be handled in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

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Signature

Date

### Application Checklist

- Completed Application Form                       Statement of Interest  
 Resume or Curriculum Vitae                       Optional digital portfolio and image list

## PNCA CE Certificate Application Form

I am applying for entrance in:      Fall 20\_\_ Winter 20\_\_ Spring 20\_\_ Summer 20\_\_

### Personal Information

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Address

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City	State	Zip Code
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E-mail

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Date of birth	Gender
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### Optional Information

This information is optional and is used for reporting purposes only. The college does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, religion, gender, national or ethnic origin, physical disability or sexual preference.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Married                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Single   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American            | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Indian Subcontinent/<br>Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan<br>Native |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Spanish Speaking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian/White                                |