



# ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR CC 2020

## Essential Drawing Techniques

**ILLUSTRATOR CC - ESSENTIAL DRAWING** is designed to provide a new and experienced users with the skills to do design and illustration tasks in Illustrator: create and manipulate shapes with various drawing & selection tools & panels, work with artboards, layers and the appearance of objects, use precise drawing techniques combine and replicate design elements, create patterns, brushes and borders, use masks, create 3D looking artwork, work with type and export files for various purposes.

### **SPECIFIC TOPICS INCLUDE:**

#### **APPLICATION OVERVIEW**

Illustrator Interface & Custom Workspaces  
Creating New Documents  
Using Artboards & Layers  
Navigating Files & Essential Shortcuts

#### **DRAWING SHAPES**

Polygon Tools & Line Tools  
Stroke & Fill Colors  
Pen & Pencil Tools  
Using Template Layers  
Moving & Copying Artwork

#### **SELECTING AND EDITING PATHS**

Selection Tool & Direct Selection Tools  
Isolation Mode  
Width & Shapebulider Tools  
Pathfinder Operations  
Compound Paths & Compound Shapes  
Splitting and Joining Paths  
Smoothing and Erasing Paths  
Puppet Warp

#### **PRECISE DRAWING**

Reflect and Rotate Tools  
Aligning and Grouping Objects

#### **COLORS AND GRADIENTS**

Creating Color & Gradient Swatches  
Using Color Libraries  
Live Color & Recoloring Artwork  
Blends & Gradient Mesh

#### **IMAGE TRACE & LIVE PAINT**

Converting images to vector art  
Using Live Paint to colorize art

#### **MASKING AND TRANSPARENCY**

Clipping Masks  
Opacity Masks  
Opacity & Blending Modes

#### **PATTERNS AND BRUSHES**

Creating Seamless Patterns  
Calligraphic, Scatter, Art, Pattern & Bristle Brushes  
Using Brush and Pattern Libraries  
Blob Brush

#### **APPEARANCE AND GRAPHIC STYLES**

Appearance Panel  
Multiple Strokes & Fills  
Applying Effects  
Using and Saving Graphic Styles  
Eyedropper Tool

#### **3D EFFECTS AND SYMBOLS**

Extruded Shapes  
Extruded Type  
Revolved Paths  
Using Symbols and Mapping Artwork

#### **TYPOGRAPHY**

Point Type, Area Type, Path Type & Touch Type  
Character and Paragraph Settings  
Justification Controls & Inset Spacing  
Using Character & Paragraph Styles  
Outlining Type  
Glyphs Panel

#### **EXPORTING FILES**

Print Files: AI, EPS & PDF  
Saving for Web & Social Media: JPG, GIF, PNG