Digital Photography (40-assignment)



This is an integrated instructional module designed specifically to operate within a Modular Program environment. It is ideal for use with our Scantek Technology or IT2020 Information Technology programs. It includes a 10-assignment exploratory curriculum and a further 30-assignment in-depth curriculum. The exploratory curriculum and the in-depth curriculum are each split into two parts. Each part includes a pre-test and post test. Where appropriate, the module includes hardware, software and curriculum materials sufficient to provide a complete learning experience.

The curriculum incorporates continuous assessment through questions. When used in conjunction with a ClassAct networked management system, this provides instant feedback of student performance. The assessments begin with a comprehensive pre-test. This quiz includes questions for each subsequent assignment, together with questions that will specifically test math and reading ability.

Every assignment starts with a series of questions designed to track inventory. These ensure that any missing items are located before they are needed.

Each assignment is divided into a series of tasks. Hands-on tasks form the core of the student work. Where appropriate, these are accompanied by research tasks based upon illustrated textbooks and onscreen applications. Assessment questions are incorporated into each task.

Typical 10-assignment topic areas include:

- Parts of a digital camera
- Introduction to PhotoImpact image editor
- Viewing and taking photographs
- Lighting
- Tripod
- Lenses and filters
- Loading digital pictures into the computer
- Create, edit and distort an object
- Manipulating text
- Adding special effects
- Web page image and poster design
- T-shirt printing

Typical 10-assignment activities include:

- Identify the parts of a digital camera.
- View sample pictures that can be used as background graphics.
- Identify the techniques for professional shot composition.
- Take pictures using the digital camera.
- Discover techniques used by photographers to produce special effects using lighting.
- Take pictures with the advantage of a lighting setup.
- Identify ways of taking a steady picture.
- Discover how lenses are used in photography.
- Identify different types of lenses.
- Use filters to change the color of an image.
- Discover how conventional filters work.
- Compare conventional filters to digital filters.
- Identify how objects are used in creating images.
- Manipulate a photographic image.
- Add text to a project file.
- Apply special effects to a manipulated photographic image.
- Print out a completed poster.
- Explore the uses and careers available in the field of digital photography.
- Print a 'wanted' poster onto a T-shirt.

Typical 30-assignment topic areas include:

- PhotoImpact image editor
- Conventional and digital cameras
- History of photographic technology
- Magnification and lenses
- Panning
- The Flash
- Natural and artificial lighting
- Light and color
- Conventional film processing
- Analog and digital images
- Lenses and optics
- Focal length and depth of field
- Filters and masks
- Filters to correct photographic errors
- Image manipulation
- Image enhancement
- Adding special effects
- Create a watercolor
- Careers in photography
 Comparison of conventional and digital cameras
- Calendar design
- Greetings card design

Typical 30-assignment activities include:

- Identify the basic controls of a digital camera.
- Take a picture of a subject and look at the picture using the computer.
- Identify the project to be completed within this module.
- Compare the working differences between a conventional film based camera and a digital camera.
- Identify the advantages and disadvantages of both conventional and digital camera outputs.
- Carry out a practical to conclude the differences in development between conventional and digital images.
- Use computer based and book based resources to identify the evolution of photography.
- Use a mathematical expression describing the advance of technology.
- Identify various techniques for taking a steady picture, using any camera.
- Use a tripod while taking pictures with the digital camera.
- Try to take a picture of an object at close range.
- Identify the format of magnification ratios.
- Look at lenses suitable for close-up photography.
- Use panning to take a picture of a moving object.
- Identify the limitations of panning.
- Take a picture with and without the use of the camera's built in flash.
- Identify the inverse square law of light intensity.
- Discover how natural lighting will affect a photograph.
- Identify various types of artificial lighting.
- Compare photographs taken with natural and artificial lighting.

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Typical 30-assignment activities include (continued):

- Create unusual effects using lighting.
- Follow the evolution of photography from black and white to color.
- Use a computer application to simulate light blending.
- Identify lighting types around the classroom
- Evaluate different methods of capturing a digital image.
- Deduce the most appropriate camera type for various photographic situations.
- Discover the equipment used in a darkroom.
- Discover the developing process.
- Compare the processing involved with conventional and digital photography.
- View sample files stored on the computer.
- Discover how CD-ROMs store digital information.
- Identify simple rules of light and optics.
- Identify various types of lens.
- Calculate the focal length of various lenses.
- Use a computer application to identify the function of various types of lens.
- Use computer aided instruction to identify various types of filter.
- Filter out images using the filter sheets.
- Add a digital filter to a photographic image.
- Use a numerical array to customize a digital filter.
- Use a digital filter to solve a photographic problem.
- Resolve photographic errors in project files.
- Create a linear grayscale mask.
- Apply a filter to an image.
- Create graphic 'objects' from static images.
- Use transformation tools to manipulate graphic objects.
- Identify various painting tools supplied with a computer based image manipulation application.
- Clone an image.
- Complete the problem solving design loop.
- Add text to a sample image.
- Create a CD cover design.
- Compare printed images with images found on screen.
- Add text to project files.
- Create three dimensional text on project images.
- Identify how human vision works in three dimensions.
- Try out a kaleidoscope special effect on a graphic image.
- Add a turnpage special effect to a sample graphic image.
- Simulate a lighting effect using an image manipulation application.
- Apply special effects to project files.

Typical 30-assignment activities include (continued):

- Create and print out a watercolor painting using the computer.
- Compare digital special effects with conventional special effects.
- Identify various careers involved in the field of photography.

Each assignment is designed around a list of performance objectives. These lists include academic, technical and occupational objectives. The assignments are written in such a way as to enable a student to attain the performance objectives, with the assessment questions linked to these in order to provide a measure of true competency.

The performance objectives are used by the ClassAct management system to generate a comprehensive portfolio of student competency reports. Default reports supplied with this module include:

- Entry report
- Technical/Occupational Exit report
- Basic Skills report based upon the federal SCAN's report.

The items supplied with this instructional module include:

- 10-assignment On-Screen Student Assignment Guide CD
- 10-assignment Student Assignment Guide
- 10-assignment Student Workbook
- 10-assignment Instructor's Guide
- 30-assignment Student Assignment Guide
- 30-assignment Student Workbook
- 30-assignment Instructor's Guide
- Computer Aided Instruction software
- Book: 'Exploring Photography'
- Digital cameraDocking station
- Tripod
- Color printer
- Pack of printer paper
- Pack of photo card
- PhotoImpact software
- Filter sheets

Additional items required:

Computer

Module Facts

For Technology Program, order as: ST380/40 Digital Photography

For IT Program, order as: IM2C Digital Photography

	No.	Average
		time
Assignments	40	45 minutes
Extension Activities	4	45 minutes
	Total	33 hours



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