Career Opportunities: Graphic Designer / Medical Artist

What do medical artists and graphic designers do?

Graphic designers and medical artists specialise in the design and production of artwork, scientific posters, brochures and booklets and other visual communications material. Graphic Designers are also involved in web design and the production of interactive and multimedia tools for education. Medical artists use traditional and digital drawing and 3D modelling tools to create their work, and receive training in anatomy and physiology.

How can I become one?

• Degree in graphic design, illustration or a related media subject
• Graduate Certificate in Graphic Design in Healthcare from University of Staffordshire
• Postgraduate Certificate in Graphic Design from University of Cardiff or University of Staffordshire*
• MSc Forensic & Medical Art course from University of Dundee

*The Postgraduate Certificate is a 12 month distance learning course at Staffordshire University or a 14 month distance learning course at Cardiff University. This is gained during a training period whilst employed.

Universities

Cardiff University
School of Healthcare Studies
Cardiff University
Ty Dewi Sant, Health Park Campus
Cardiff, CF14 4XN
Tel: 02920 687722

Staffordshire University,
Faculty of Arts, Media & Design
Flaxman 220, College Road
Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2DE
Tel: 01782 294894

University of Dundee
School of Life Sciences
University of Dundee,
Nethergate, Dundee, DD1 4HN,
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Tel: 01382 386324

Finding out more

Medical Art Association of Great Britain
2 Fauna Close, Brockley Hill,
Stanmore
Middx, HA7 4PX
www.maa.org.uk

Institute of Medical Illustrators
12 Coldbath Square
London
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Institute of Medical Illustrators

A medical illustrator is someone who provides a vital multi-skilled clinical support service to those involved in patient care, teaching, education and research.