

Visual Arts, Associate in Arts Career /Internship Information

Career Options and Potential Earnings, based on an Associate degree:

Fine Artist/Illustrator

- Entry Level: \$33,000 - \$40,000
- Average for New Jersey (all experience levels): \$58,110

Prepress Technician/Coordinator

- Entry Level: \$30,000-\$35,000
- Average for New Jersey (all experience levels): \$47,150

Photographer

- Entry Level: \$27,000 - \$32,000
- Average for New Jersey (all experience levels): \$34,570

Art Instructor/Artist (for instruction/recreational studios, not schools)

Average Salary: \$15-\$17/hour (part-time position – annual salary dependent on number of hours worked)

**employability and salary depend on skill level; need to have an online portfolio to be considered for most graphics, art, and illustration positions.*

***if freelance or self-employed, salary is dependent on amount of work/projects. Actual income will vary.*

Supplementing the Associate's degree with appropriate certifications may result in salary increases.

Source: Payscale.com (2017); Occupational Handbook Employment Statistics (2016).

POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS:

- Freelance or Self Employed
- Publishers or Design/Advertising Agencies – The S3 Agency, Behrman House
- Magazines or other print communication – New Jersey Monthly, Pinnacle Graphic Communications
- Art Gallery – Tomasullo Art Gallery, River Mill Art Gallery
- Paint Instruction Studios – Wine & Design, Color Me Mine, Painting with a Twist

INTERNSHIP OPTIONS:

- Search for internships in your chosen field here: <http://www.internships.com/>
- Or stop by the Union County College Student Services Center.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Career Services at (908)527-7220 or careerservices@ucc.edu

Additional career-related resources can be found on the website:
www.ucc.edu/campus-life/career-center/career-resources/