

Visual Arts, Associate in Arts, Career / Transfer / Internship Information

Career Options and Potential Earnings:

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): \$47,350

Photographer

Entry Level: \$25,000 - \$30,000

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 (2016); Occupational Handbook Employment Statistics (2015).

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

TRANSFER OPTIONS:

- Kean University
- Rutgers University New Brunswick
- Rutgers University Newark
- Montclair State University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Or explore your preferred transfer institution requirements using the New Jersey Transfer website at <https://www.njtransfer.org/>

INTERNSHIP OPTIONS:

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