# Photoshop 1 : The Essentials

## **Overview**

This course is designed for anyone who needs to understand the fundamental features and uses of Photoshop

## **Course Content**

#### **WORKING ENVIRONMENT**

• Interface: Menus, Panels, Workspaces, Tools, Setting Preferences

#### **FILES**

- Opening, Closing, Placing, Adobe Bridge
- Image Size, Resolution, Pixel dimensions, resizing, resampling
- Saving and File formats
- Creating new files

## NAVIGATION AND MAGNIFICATION

- Navigation Panel
- Zoom Tools

## Keyboard shortcuts

### CORRECTIONS and BACKTRACKING

- Undo command
- History Panel
- History Panel Preferences and Cache
- Creating Snapshots

## **WORKING WITH SELECTIONS**

- Understanding which selection tool to use
- Quick Selection Tool, Marquee, Magic Wand, Lasso Tools, Selection Menu options
- Feathering, Filling, Copying and Transforming
- Pasting into Selections
- Reselecting, Inversing and Deselecting selections
- Saving selections
- Reloading selections

- Selections to create a Vignette effect
- Gradient Tool
- Cropping and Straightening
- Rotating
- Transformations
- RGB and CMYK colour modes
- Foreground/Background colours
- Eyedropper and colour sampler tools
- Colour Panel
- Creating and modifying colour swatches

## **WORKING WITH LAYERS**

- Working with layers
- Layer Panel
- Show/Hide and visibility
- Creating and duplicating layers
- Background layer
- Moving and stacking layers
- Layer Groups
- Locking
- Layer styles
- Blending Modes
- Alignment and distribution
- Transforming layers

## **GRIDS, GUIDES AND RULERS**

- Displaying grids, guides and rulers
- Adding guides
- Setting preferences

#### **WORKING WITH TYPE**

- Creating Point Type
- Creating Paragraph Type
- Editing and Selecting type
- Character and Paragraph settings and panels
- Type and Layer Styles
- Type Effects
- Typing on a path