

# GRAPHIC DESIGN: PRINT PRODUCTION

Program Code: F.GPP.CER

## Certificate

Graduation requirement — 23 semester hours

The Print Production certificate program prepares students for entry-level positions that require in-depth knowledge of graphic arts software. Students will learn the practical side of preparing digital press-ready files for efficient output while gaining practical experience creating posters, brochures, newsletters, and other printed materials. The certificate stresses Macintosh computer proficiency and a thorough understanding of various commercial printing processes. Graduates are employed in printing facilities and in-house corporate art departments as pre-press operators, print production specialists, or production assistants.

For more information, see [parkland.edu/graphicdesign](http://parkland.edu/graphicdesign).

## Program Note

Print production students are expected to have a minimum keyboard ability of 30 WPM with 80% accuracy. Those who cannot meet these criteria will be advised to enroll in CIS 156.

## Suggested Sequence

FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING
1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester
GDS 108	GDS 120	GDS 122	GDS 222
GDS 110	GDS 172	GDS 273	COM 200

## Required Program Courses (20 hours)

**Cr. Hrs.**

GDS 108	Design Media and Principles.....	3
GDS 110	Typography I.....	3
GDS 120	Graphic Design I.....	3
GDS 122	Graphic Design II.....	3
GDS 172	Typography II.....	3
GDS 222	Graphic Design III.....	2
GDS 273	Illustration I.....	3

## Required General Education Course

**(3 hours)**

**Cr. Hrs.**

COM 200	Leadership and Small Group Communication	
or COM 205	Business and Professional Communication.....	3

Total Semester Credit Hours

23