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Careers in Fine Art

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF ART, ART CAREER PROJECT!

The School of Art is looking to squash the myth of the Starving Artist! We're looking to educate you on how to educate yourself in preparation for an exciting career in art! We urge you to take a look. Currently, we've listed fine and visual arts, along with performing arts and Art History. We also have information for aspiring writers and designers. You'll find a breakdown of many types of art careers, from the normal to the more obscure. Some of the art careers you'll find here include graphic design, painting, photography and video game design. If you don't see your passion on here, please contact us and we'll add it.

In these art career pages, you'll find tons of information. For each career, we try to provide a concise overview of each career, as well as a little information about what each type of artist does. We also try to give you information regarding where each type of artist works and how to get started.

A Bachelor of Fine Arts degree unlocks the door to many possible career paths. It opens the door directly to some, and provides an excellent foundation for others.

- 3-D Renderer - Designer
- Aerial Photographer
- Animator
- Art Activity Writer
- Art Book Editor
- Art Conservator
- Art Consultant
- Art Curriculum Writer
- Art Dealer
- Art Educator
- Art Historian
- Art History Researcher
- Art Librarian
- Art Magazine Editor
- Art Restorer
- Art Supply Retailer
- Art Teachers
- Art Therapist
- Art Writer
- Artifact Preservation
- Artist in Residence
- Artist's Agent
- Arts Administrator
- Arts Manager
- Background Designer (TV)
- Calligrapher
- Cartoonist
- Ceramist*
- Children's Book Illustrator
- Comic Book Artist
- Commercial Artist

- Commercial Photographer
- Computer Games Designer
- Conceptual Artist
- Court Artist
- Drafting Technician
- Environmental Artist
- Exhibition Coordinator
- Exhibition Designer
- Faux Finish Artist
- Fine Art Appraisal
- Fine Art Photographer*
- Fine Artist*
- Gallery Assistant
- Gallery Owner
- Graphic Designer
- Graphic Novelist
- Greeting Card Designer
- Illustrator
- Interactive Media Artist
- Lithographer
- Master printer
- Medical Illustrator
- Movie Scene painter
- Mural Artist
- Museum Archivist
- Museum Curator
- Museum Photographer
- Museum Preparator
- Museum Technician
- Painter*
- Papermaker
- Photo-Retoucher
- Photography Teacher
- Picture Framer
- Portrait Painter
- Potter
- Print Finishing Artist
- Private Art Instructor
- Science Fiction Illustrator
- Sculptor*
- Set and Exhibit Designers
- Signmaker
- Silkscreen Printer
- Silkscreen Artist
- Social Media designer
- Stencil Illustrator
- Stone Cutter or Carver
- Storyboard Artist
- Studio Technician
- Tattoo Designer
- Teacher
- Teacher's Aide
- Text Book illustrator
- Theater Exhibit Designer
- Typographer
- Video Producer
- Visual Artist
- Website Designer

* No career description

How do I become a 3D Renderer – Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

It involves the creation of a 3D object, place, figure, effect, etc. that is digitally viewed in a 2D space but appears to be 3D.

Examples include: video game creation, movie special effects, architectural/interior design renderings used to explain future projects, simulators, product rendering, medical rendering

What knowledge/skills are required?

- knowledge of applicable computer software
- artistic ability
- creative problem-solving
- ability to think spatially

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field
- a diploma from a community college or technical school – in order to develop skills with computer software
- On the job experience – often gained through internships

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

- community college or technical school examples
Red River College, Seneca College, Sheridan College
 - Master degree program examples (not required, but a further step in education if you have completed your BFA with Honours)
Emily Carr Master of Digital Media, OCAD University Master of Digital Futures, University of BC Master of Digital Media
- *These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

- Graphic Design, Video Game Designer, Animator

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

Paige Lloyd

How do I become an Advertising Art Director?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Supervises the direction of a visual project, ensuring that it is unified, it projects the desired message/mood, and is visually stimulating. They may also help to develop initial concepts for projects, in addition to executing the final product. Depending on your focus, projects may include working in advertising, television/film, video games, fashion, magazines, the Internet, and/or the theater.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- creative problem-solving
- marketing skills
- understanding of how viewers psychologically respond to imagery
- ability to work well with others and excellent communication skills
- good organization skills
- leadership/management skills
- some require computer skills, while others utilize drawing to communicate their ideas

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

Focusing on Graphic Design courses

Photography and Drawing courses may be an asset

Business/Marketing courses, taken as electives, may be an asset

-On the job experience – often gained through internships

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling and is generally acquired through work experience. However, there are some additional programs/courses available to develop your skills if desired.

-University of Winnipeg Marketing Management Diploma

-Red River College Marketing Management Certificate

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What career areas are connected?

-Art Book Editor, Art Magazine Editor, Arts Administrator/Manager, Editorial Art Director, Graphic Designer, Set Designer, Theater Exhibit Designer, Website Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Holly Clarke
- Toby Bartlett

How do I become an Aerial Photographer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Photographing landscapes, cityscapes, etc. from a high-vantage point, often using airplanes, helicopters, or other flying devices such as hot air balloons or hang gliders. Many work as freelancers, but some find long-term positions with various businesses such as government agencies, real estate developers, land surveying companies, etc. Images may be used for mapmaking, land surveying, travel magazines, and/or artistic purposes.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- comfortable while working at heights

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art- it is important to develop your artistic talent and/or camera technical skills when working in this field, focusing on Photography courses

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling.

What career areas are connected?

-Commercial Photographer, Fine Art Photographer, Museum Photographer, Photo-Retoucher

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- David Lauder
- Lloyd Rempel
- Ben Jablonski

How do I become an Animator?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Creates a sequence of images that give the illusion of movement, often used in film and video games.

What knowledge/skills are required?

-artistic ability

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent when working in this field, focusing on Drawing and Painting courses, and perhaps Graphic Design courses

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

-Emily Carr Master of Applied Arts

-Seneca College Animation Diploma

-VanArts 2D & 3D Animation Diploma

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

-Cartoonist, Court Artist, Children's Book Illustrator, Illustrator, Graphic Designer, Graphic Novelist, Medical Illustrator, Science Fiction Illustrator, Storyboard Artist, Video Game Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Cathy McInnes

-Victoria Prince

-Jason Doll

How do I become an Art Auctioneer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Sells artwork at auctions. Must be able to research artists and communicate short presentations on each piece of artwork for sale. Auctioneers must be comfortable with public speaking and need to practice proper bid calling techniques. Individuals working in this field must have an understanding of marketing techniques, business skills, art appraisal, as well as the ethical and legal issues relating to auction practices.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- strong communication skills and networking abilities
- understanding of business and marketing principles
- ability to work well with others
- previous work experience in sales is an asset
- ability to anticipate art trends
- confident public speaking
- understanding of art history

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art

Art History classes are important to understand art as well as to develop the skills required to talk about art to others while selling art.

Business/Marketing courses, taken as electives, may be an asset.

-On the job experience in either sales or at an auction house

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however individuals may choose to upgrade their skills by continuing in their studies.

-Auctioneering College of Canada, Diploma

-The Canadian Auction College

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

-Art, Buyer, Art Consultant, Artist's Agent, Fine Art Appraiser

Who are examples of people that work in this career within Canada?

-Linda Rodeck

-Robert Heffel

How do I become an Art/Artifact Conservator?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Involved in conserving artworks and/or artifacts by stabilizing their physical condition, repairing surface damage/deterioration, implementing archival storage techniques, and by minimizing and/or eliminating factors that may cause damage/deterioration to artworks and/or artifacts. Also identifies the materials and techniques used on artworks/artifacts, assesses condition and authenticity, and advises on optimum conditions to protect art/artifacts (such as light, temperature, humidity, air quality, etc.).

What knowledge/skills are required?

- understanding of archival techniques for handling and storing art/artifacts
- understanding of a broad range of art mediums, materials, and techniques
- detail oriented
- understanding of various hazardous materials used in artworks/artifacts in order to implement safe work practices

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop a broad understanding of many different art mediums in order to understand art handling, storage, restoration, and preservation techniques as well as taking Art History courses to more fully understand the materials and methods of art creation throughout the centuries
Chemistry courses as electives may be an asset to understand the various chemical properties of artwork materials

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

- Queen's University Master of Art Conservation
 - Fleming College Museum Management and Curatorship
 - Algonquin College Applied Museum Studies Diploma
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What career areas are connected?

-Art Restorer, Curator, Gallery Assistant, Museum Archivist, Museum Preparator, Museum/Gallery Technician

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Shelagh Linklater
- Kathy Nanowin
- Radovan Radulovic

How do I become an Art Consultant?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Consults individuals and businesses when selecting and purchasing art. Consultants may be involved with finding specific artworks, introducing clients to new artists, negotiating prices, aiding in framing/installation/placement of work, appraisals, and helping clients find artworks within their desired budgets. Clients may seek your services to decorate their private homes or to create a personal collection, or for business purposes such as to create an investment portfolio, or to decorate corporations/hotels/hospitals/interior designers/etc.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- strong communication skills and networking abilities
- ability to work well with others (when dealing with artists/clients/gallery owners/etc.)
- previous work experience in a gallery is an asset
- ability to anticipate art trends
- understanding of how a piece of art looks within a space and what messages it conveys to viewers

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art

Art History classes are important to converse fluently about art while trying to understand what type of artwork interests a client.

-On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

-McGill Master of Arts in Art History

-Concordia University Master of Arts in Art History

-Sotheby's Institute of Art Master of Arts in Art Business

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What career areas are connected?

-Art Dealer, Artist's Agent, Arts Administrator/Manager, Curator, Fine Art Appraiser, Gallery Owner

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Brian Appel

-Patricia Bovey

-Jordan Miller

How do I become an Art Critic?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Writes about art in magazines, books, newspapers, and online. They seek to interpret art, respond to it, make critical judgments about it, and understand how it fits into the larger art world. These writings are used by art collectors, art dealers, gallery owners, etc. to expand the understanding and discourse of art.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- strong communication skills
- previous work experience in journalism is an asset
- strong understanding of art history and the contemporary art scene
- good literacy and writing skills
- commitment to lifelong learning

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your knowledge of art methods/practices, art history, and conceptual understandings of art when working in this field

Art History classes are important to be able to understand art as well as to develop art writing skills.

English courses as electives, may be an asset.

-On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

-OCAD University Master of Fine Art Criticism & Curatorial Practice

-School of Visual Arts Master of Fine Art, Art Criticism and Writing

-Stony Brook State University of New York Master of Arts, Art History and Criticism

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What career areas are connected?

-Art Activity Writer, Art Book Editor, Art Consultant, Art Educator, Art Historian, Art Magazine Editor, Artist's Agent, Art Dealer, Curator, Fine Art Appraisal, Gallery Owner

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Robert Enright

-Meeka Walsh

-Steven Leyden Cochrane

How do I become an Art Curriculum Writer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Develops and plans curriculums for various art courses. Individuals may be employed by school boards, colleges, universities, provincial or national education departments, etc.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- ability to work well with others
- strong written and verbal communication skills
- understanding of various teaching and learning modes
- good organization skills
- strong research skills

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program)

Taking various elective courses that develop your writing skills is an asset.

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

Depending on the position, some employers may require an Education degree or a Masters degree. Please research the specific requirements for your desired career. Here are some examples of additional programs/courses that may be taken if desired.

- University of Manitoba Bachelor of Education
- University of Guelph Master of Fine Art
- Concordia University Master of Arts in Art Education

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What career areas are connected?

-Art Teacher, College/University Art Professor, Gallery/Museum Art Educator, Private Art Instructor

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Francine Morin
- Joanna Black
- Ingrid McMillan

How do I become an Art Dealer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Represents and promotes an artist's career by finding buyers for the work and arranges gallery shows for the artist. Art dealers usually work for an art gallery and are generally paid by the commissions received from sold artworks.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- strong communication skills and networking abilities
- understanding of business and marketing principles
- ability to work well with others (when dealing with artists/clients/gallery owners/etc.)
- previous work experience in a business setting is an asset
- ability to anticipate art trends

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art

Art History classes are important to understand art as well as to develop the skills required to talk about art to others while promoting and selling an artist's work. Business/Marketing courses, taken as electives, may be an asset.

- On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however individuals may choose to upgrade their business management/marketing skills by continuing in their studies.

- University of Winnipeg Marketing Management Diploma
- Red River College Marketing Management Certificate
- University of Manitoba Certificate Program in Management and Administration

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What career areas are connected?

- Art Consultant, Artist's Agent, Arts Administrator/Manager, Curator, Fine Art Appraisal, Gallery Owner

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Jenny (Tasker) DeLury
- Alison Mercer
- Shaun Mayberry

How do I become an Art Librarian?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Assists library users in the use of online and print resources, manages research services (ex. creating long distance access to articles), responsible for acquisition of materials/books/articles for the library, oversees circulation duties (checking out, renewing, late fees, etc.), fixes/discards/replaces damaged material, and organizes materials in library so they can be found

What knowledge/skills are required?

- good organization skills
- good literacy and writing skills
- commitment to lifelong learning
- ability to work well with others
- proficiency and adaptability to a variety of technologies
- good communication skills

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program)

Focusing on Art History

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

-McGill University Masters of Library & Information Studies

-University of Alberta Master of Library & Information Studies

-University of British Columbia Master of Library & Information Studies

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What career areas are connected?

-Art Historian, Art History Researcher, Museum Archivist

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Liv Valmestad

-Kenlyn Collins

-Linwood DeLong

How do I become an Art Restorer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Involved in repairing the damage and/or deterioration of artworks as well as cleaning the work in order to aid in preservation.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- understanding of archival techniques for handling art
- understanding of a broad range of art mediums and materials
- detail oriented
- understanding of various hazardous materials used in artworks in order to implement safe work practices

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop a broad understanding of many different art mediums in order to understand art handling, storage, restoration, and preservation techniques

Chemistry courses as electives may be an asset to understand the various chemical properties of artwork materials

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

- Queen's University Master of Art Conservation
 - Fleming College Museum Management and Curatorship
 - Algonquin College Applied Museum Studies Diploma
- *These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

-Art Conservator, Curator, Gallery Assistant, Museum Archivist, Museum Preparator, Museum/Gallery Technician

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Kathy Robinson-Hays

How do I become an Art Supply Retailer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Owns and operates an art supply store.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- knowledge of art materials and tools
- understanding of business and marketing principles
- ability to work well with others (when dealing with employees/customers/suppliers)
- previous work experience in a retail setting is an asset

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art – it is important to develop a broad understanding of many different mediums in order to familiarize yourself with different materials, tools, and work methods

Business/Marketing courses, taken as electives, are an asset

-On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however individuals may choose to upgrade their business management skills by continuing in their studies.

-Red River College Small Business Management Certificate

-University of Manitoba Certificate Program in Management and Administration

-University of Winnipeg Management Certificate Program

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

-Gallery Owner, Museum Technician, Picture Framer, Studio Technician

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Shawn Berard

-Al Pauls

-Janeen Balenovic

How do I become an Art Teacher?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Teaches art to students ranging from elementary school to high school. They are responsible for introducing basic art concepts, such as different art materials and techniques, composition, contrast, repetition, content, etc.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- ability to work well with others
- good communication skills
- understanding of various teaching and learning modes
- good organization skills

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (Please Note: an Honours degree may be required by some education degree programs when teaching higher years) – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

All students working towards a teaching degree should be aware that they must have two teachables (the first being art), and must therefore inquire and plan as to which elective courses may be used towards completing their second teachable area of expertise. There is also a breadth component requirement consisting of a specified number of credit hours in English and/or French Literature courses, Social Studies courses, and Math and Science courses.

Once these courses have been completed in conjunction with a BFA degree, students will be eligible to apply to the education faculty.

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

- University of Manitoba Bachelor of Education
- Lakehead University Bachelor of Education
- University of Calgary Bachelor of Education

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What career areas are connected?

-Art Curriculum Writer, College/University Art Professor, Gallery/Museum Art Educator, Private Art Instructor, Studio Technician

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Ingrid McMillan
- Stacey Abramson
- Tom Roberts

How do I become an Art Therapist?

What does someone in this job/career do?

They are therapists who counsel and treat people by using art as a way of processing and communicating feelings and thoughts that may otherwise be difficult to articulate

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- good communication skills and an ability to work well with others
- knowledge of psychology

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program)- it is important to develop your artistic talent when working in this field

Psychology courses, taken as electives

-an Art Therapy program with either a post-graduate diploma, a graduate diploma, or a Master's degree program

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

- Vancouver Art Therapy Institute
- Toronto Art Therapy Institute
- Concordia University

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

- An art therapist might work in the same sort of medical facilities that a traditional therapist works in. For instance, hospitals and mental health facilities may consider hiring art therapists from time to time. Alternative medicine facilities, schools, and nursing homes might hire art therapists.

Like traditional therapists, art therapists can also choose to open their own practices

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Barbara Hirst
- Nancy Orlikow
- Tanis Dick

How do I become an Artifact Preservationist?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Involved in repairing the damage and/or deterioration of artifacts as well as cleaning the work in order to aid in preservation.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- understanding of archival techniques for handling artifacts
- understanding of a broad range of mediums and materials
- detail oriented
- understanding of how to implement safe work practices when dealing with hazardous materials

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop a broad understanding of many different mediums and materials, as well as focusing on Art History courses
Chemistry courses as electives may be an asset to understand the various chemical properties of the material within an artifact

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

- Queen's University Master of Art Conservation
- Fleming College Museum Management and Curatorship
- Algonquin College Applied Museum Studies Diploma

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

-Art Conservator, Artifact Restorer, Curator, Gallery Assistant, Museum Archivist, Museum Preparator, Museum/Gallery Technician

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Kathy Nanowin
- Kathy Robinson-Hays

How do I become an Artist in Residence?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Create work and pursue research interests at a residency program that allows a time to focus due to the change in space/environment/culture/etc. Each residency varies in what they offer artists, whether they pay for a portion or all of the artist's financial obligations (such as housing, food, flights, etc.), or whether the artist needs to find their own funding. In addition, there are different expectations of the artists depending on the residency such as: whether artists must have an exhibition/presentation/workshop, whether they need to collaborate with other artists, or whether they are expected to simply reflect and clean their own space.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- self-discipline (as this is often self-directed work that requires self-initiative)
- ability to write grants and proposals (as often artists are expected to find their own funding)

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This work opportunity does not require extra schooling and is meant to push and develop a practicing artist's research and/or body of work. Artists can search online for these opportunities.

- www.resartis.org
- www.transartists.org

*These are only two examples of artist residency sites to begin your search. There are hundreds of other opportunities around the world that can be found online.

What career areas are connected?

- Ceramist, Environmental Artist, Fiber Artist, Fine Art Photographer, Fine Artist, Lithographer, Painter, Potter, Sculptor, Silkscreen Artist, Visual Artist

Who are local examples, or alumni, who have taken advantage of this work opportunity?

- Grace Nickel
- Derek Brueckner
- Michael Dudeck

How do I become an Artist's Agent?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Represents and promotes an artist's career by finding buyers for the work, arranges exhibitions/gallery shows for the artist, negotiates terms and handles contracts, and finds other opportunities for the artist to participate in. Artist's agents usually work independently and are generally paid by the commissions received from sold artworks.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- strong communication skills and networking abilities
- understanding of business and marketing principles
- ability to work well with others (when dealing with artists/clients/gallery owners/etc.)
- previous work experience in a business setting is an asset
- ability to anticipate art trends

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art

Art History classes are important to understand art as well as to develop the skills required to talk about art to others while promoting and selling an artist's work.

Business/Marketing courses, taken as electives, may be an asset.

-On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however individuals may choose to upgrade their business management/marketing skills by continuing in their studies.

-University of Winnipeg Marketing Management Diploma

-Red River College Marketing Management Certificate

-University of Manitoba Certificate Program in Management and Administration

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What career areas are connected?

-Art Consultant, Art Dealer, Arts Administrator/Manager, Curator, Fine Art Appraisal, Gallery Owner

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Lisa Bonnici

How do I become an Arts Administrator/Manager?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Oversees the business operations of an arts organization, including staff management, public relations, marketing, fundraising, event planning, financial management, program development, etc.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- understanding of business and marketing principles
- ability to manage and supervise the work of others
- ability to work well with others
- good communication skills
- strong organizational skills
- previous work experience in a business setting is an asset
- a love of art

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art
- Business/Marketing courses, taken as electives, may be an asset.
- On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, some employers may favour applicants with additional education. Here are some examples of further programs/courses that may be taken if desired.

- Schulich School of Business at York University Master of Business Administration **and** Master of Fine Arts degree (joint program leading to both degrees upon completion)
 - MacEwan University Arts and Cultural Management Diploma
 - Carnegie Mellon University Master of Arts Management
- *These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

- Advertising Art Director, Art Dealer, Artist's Agent, Exhibition Coordinator, Gallery Assistant, Gallery Owner, Grant Writer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Joy Cohnstaedt
- Jennifer Woodbury
- Tamara Rae Biebrich

How do I become a Calligrapher?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Creates art and/or design work using calligraphy, employing traditional methods (ink and paper) instead of computers.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- understanding of type (serifs, side-bearings, kernings, etc.)
- detail oriented
- ability to work quickly, with confidence

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional workshops available if desired through local clubs such as the Calligraphers Guild of Manitoba.

What career areas are connected?

-Graphic Designer, Type Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

Kathie McIlvride

How do I become a Cartoonist?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Creates drawings for comics, whether they are individual cartoons, part of a series or book, political, editorial, used to illustrate textbooks, or part of an animated feature. Many individuals working in this field are freelancers, however others are employed by newspapers, magazines, etc.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- ability to work quickly, from idea development to project completion
- ability to communicate messages quickly and effectively through images

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art– it is important to develop your artistic talent and/or technical skills when working in this field, focusing on Drawing courses

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling.

What career areas are connected?

-Animator, Children's Book Illustrator, Comic Book Artist, Graphic Designer, Graphic Novelist, Greeting Card Designer, Illustrator, Medical Illustrator, Portrait Painter, Science Fiction Illustrator, Storyboard Artist

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Tom Andrich
- Dale Cummings
- Jeanette Jerome

How do I become a Children's Book Illustrator?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Create drawings and/or paintings that accompany a children's story and visually bring the writing to life.

What knowledge/skills are required?

-artistic ability

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art- it is important to develop your artistic talent when working in this field, focusing on Drawing and Painting courses

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

-Red River College

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What career areas are connected?

-Illustrator, Cartoonist, Court Artist, Medical Illustrator, Science Fiction Illustrator, Storyboard Artist

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Sherry Farrell Racette

-Rae Bridgman

How do I become a College/University Art Professor?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Responsible for teaching university or college courses, supervise graduate students, while engaging in their own research and artistic careers. Professors may specialize in studio arts or art history.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- ability to work well with others
- good communication skills
- understanding of various teaching and learning modes
- good organization skills
- strong research skills

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art Honours (an Honours degree is required to pursue a Master's degree program) – either focusing on art history or studio art courses depending on your area of specialization

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

- University of Guelph Master of Fine Art
- Emily Carr Master of Applied Arts
- University of British Columbia Master of Arts in Art History

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available

What career areas are connected?

-Art Curriculum Writer, Art Teacher, Gallery/Museum Art Educator, Practicing Fine Artist, Private Art Instructor

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Dominique Rey
- Grace Nickel
- Sharon Alward

How do I become a Commercial Photographer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Photographing images for commercial purposes. This involves a variety of specializations, including advertising images and product shots, fashion photography, event photography, still life photography, food photography, wedding and portrait photography, landscape and wildlife photography, magazine and editorial photography, and photojournalism.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- ability to work well with others (photographers often need to set people at ease and make them feel comfortable when taking their photograph)
- must be in good physical condition depending on your specialization (may be required climb ladders, move quickly to capture various shots, carry heavy equipment, etc.)

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art- it is important to develop your artistic talent and/or camera technical skills when working in this field, focusing on Photography courses

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- Concordia University Master of Fine Art (Photography concentration)
- Ryerson University Master of Fine Art in Documentary Media
- Emily Carr Master of Applied Arts

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What career areas are connected?

-Aerial Photographer, Fine Art Photographer, Museum Photographer, Photo-Retoucher

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Joe Pereira
- Heather Laube
- Ian McCausland

How do I become a Court Artist?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Create sketches and drawings to capture the proceedings of a court case where photography and video are prohibited. These images are either created in the courtroom as the trial takes place, or afterwards from memory if drawing is not allowed in the courtroom.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability, especially in figure drawing
- a good memory
- ability to draw quickly

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art- it is important to develop your artistic talent when working in this field, focusing on Drawing courses, specifically Figure Drawing

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling.

What career areas are connected?

-Illustrator, Cartoonist, Children's Book Illustrator, Medical Illustrator, Police Artist, Science Fiction Illustrator, Storyboard Artist

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Derek Brueckner
- Felicity Don
- Tom Andrich

How do I become an Exhibition Coordinator?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Responsible for scheduling exhibitions by determining installation/de-installation time requirements, planning exhibition dates, calculating the total cost of each exhibition, and reviewing number of visitors/length of stay/repeat visits to the exhibit in order to understand the success of a show. Exhibition Coordinators also supervise the installation of exhibitions to ensure that artworks are displayed correctly in relation to the space, lighting, etc.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- understanding of financial management
- good communication skills
- strong organizational skills
- understanding of how to handle/install art
- previous work experience in a business setting and/or gallery is an asset

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program)

Business/Marketing courses, taken as electives, may be an asset.

-On the job experience, often gained through internships

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

-Schulich School of Business at York University Master of Business Administration **and** Master of Fine Arts degree (joint program leading to both degrees upon completion)

-MacEwan University Arts and Cultural Management Diploma

-Carnegie Mellon University Master of Arts Management

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

-Arts Administrator/Manager, Curator, Exhibition Designer, Gallery Owner

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Sigrid Dahle

-Jo-Anne Balcaen

How do I become an Exhibition Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Responsible for the design and layout of an exhibition, including those in art galleries, museums, and may include visitor centers as well as designs for convention/trade show displays.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- understanding of how people move through and interact with a space
- understanding of how lighting affects mood
- ability to integrate many small parts of an exhibition (the space/room, displays, objects/art/artifacts, labels, signage, etc.) into a single cohesive experience that tells a story

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field
- On the job experience, often gained through internships

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- Seneca College Event Management – Event and Exhibit Design Certificate
 - Corcoran College of Art + Design Master of Arts Exhibition Design
 - The University of the Arts MFA in Museum Exhibition Planning and Design
- *These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

- Set Designer, Production Designer, Theater Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Stephanie Whitehouse
- Carey Archibald

How do I become a Fine Art Appraiser?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Determines the value of a piece of artwork, depending on the artist/time period/quality/condition/etc. Appraisers are also involved in the authentication of artworks.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- strong research abilities
- strong understanding of art history
- understanding of how an artwork's condition may deteriorate and therefore lose value over time if there has been damage and/or exposure to various elements

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art
- Art History classes
- On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- McGill Master of Arts in Art History
- Sotheby's Institute of Art Master of Arts in Art Business
- NYU SCPS Certificate in Appraisal Studies in Fine and Decorative Arts

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**Practitioners within this field may also be interested in receiving appraisal accreditation within their area by completing specified programs. Please do further research if interested.

What career areas are connected?

- Art Consultant, Art Dealer, Artist's Agent, Curator, Gallery Owner

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Mayberry Fine Art

How do I become a Gallery Assistant?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Involved in exhibition installation and de-installation, gallery maintenance such as painting walls/cleaning/etc., helps set up events such as opening nights/artist talks/etc., and performs various administrative assistant tasks

What knowledge/skills are required?

- must be in good physical condition (may be required to lift heavy objects, climb ladders, etc.)
- understanding of how to handle/install art
- previous work experience as an administrative assistant is an asset

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art – it is important to develop a broad understanding of many different art mediums in order to understand art handling and exhibition requirements
- On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however individuals may choose to upgrade their administrative skills by continuing in their studies.

- Red River College Small Business Management Certificate
- University of Manitoba Certificate Program in Management and Administration
- Fleming College Museum Management and Curatorship

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What career areas are connected?

-Art Conservator, Art Restorer, Arts Administrator/Manager, Curator, Exhibition Coordinator, Exhibition Designer, Gallery Owner, Museum Archivist, Museum Preparator, Museum/Gallery Technician

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Elizabeth Garlicki
- Eric Napier Strong

How do I become a Gallery/Museum Art Educator?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Responsible for developing a gallery's/museum's educational programs, classes, talks, workshops, etc. with the intent of engaging the public and becoming a learning resource while promoting its exhibitions and collections.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- ability to work well with others
- good communication skills
- understanding of various teaching and learning modes
- good organization skills

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art Honours (an Honours degree is required to pursue a Master's degree program) – either focusing on art history or studio art courses depending on your area of specialization
- volunteering at a gallery/museum is an asset, especially as a tour guide

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, some employers may favour applicants with a Masters degree. Here are some examples of additional programs/courses that may be taken if desired.

- University of Guelph Master of Fine Art
 - Concordia University Master of Arts in Art Education
 - Fleming College Museum Management and Curatorship Certificate
- *These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available

What career areas are connected?

- Art Curriculum Writer, Art Teacher, College/University Art Professor, Private Art Instructor

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Anna Wiebe
- Nicole Fletcher
- Rachel Baerg

How do I become a Gallery Owner?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Responsible for planning and overseeing current and future exhibitions, organizing events, managing finances, administrative duties, managing employees, marketing, grant writing, managing art loans/purchases/sales, and finding up-and-coming artists. Depending on the size of gallery, owners may also be responsible for exhibition installation and de-installation, as well as gallery maintenance.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- understanding of business and marketing principles
- ability to manage and supervise the work of others
- ability to work well with others (when dealing with employees/clients/artists/other galleries/etc.)
- strong communication skills and networking abilities
- strong organizational skills
- understanding of how to handle/install art
- previous work experience in a business setting and/or gallery is an asset
- ability to anticipate art trends
- a love of art

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field, as well as developing a broad understanding of many different art mediums in order to understand art handling and exhibition requirements
Art History classes are important to understand art as well as to develop the skills required to talk about art to others.

Business/Marketing courses, taken as electives, may be an asset.

-On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

-Schulich School of Business at York University Master of Business Administration **and** Master of Fine Arts degree (joint program leading to both degrees upon completion)

-MacEwan University Arts and Cultural Management Diploma

-Carnegie Mellon University Master of Arts Management

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What career areas are connected?

-Advertising Art Director, Art Activity Writer, Art Auctioneer, Art Consultant, Art Critic, Art Dealer, Artist's Agent, Art Buyer, Arts Administrator/Manager, Exhibition Coordinator, Exhibition Designer, Gallery Assistant, Grant Writer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Jordan Miller

-Shawn Berard

-Jennifer (Tasker) DeLury

How do I become a Grant Writer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Writes grant proposals for individuals, foundations, etc. to apply to and creates funding plans. Individuals within this profession also seek out new funders and coordinate fellow staff to create budgets and a project design.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- good written and verbal communication skills
- good organization skills and ability to meet deadlines
- ability to work well with others

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required to pursue a Master's degree program)
- On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however individuals may choose to upgrade their business management skills by continuing in their studies.

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, some employers may favour applicants with a Masters degree. Here are some examples of additional programs/courses that may be taken if desired.

- University of Guelph Master of Fine Art
 - University of British Columbia Master of Arts in Art History
 - Fleming College Museum Management and Curatorship Certificate
- *These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available

What career areas are connected?

- Art Activity Writer, Arts Administration/Management, Art Curriculum Writer, Gallery Owner

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- David R. Scott
- Reid Harrison

How do I become a Graphic Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Creates visual images/material that are generally used commercially to promote a product, service, or cause. This can involve either print or digital applications, creation of fonts, illustration, animation, logo creation and brand development, website design, book/pamphlet design and layout, creating advertisements

What knowledge/skills are required?

- knowledge of applicable computer software
- artistic ability
- creative problem-solving
- marketing skills

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program)– it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

Business/Marketing courses, taken as electives, may be an asset

-a diploma from a community college or technical school – in order to develop skills with computer software

-On the job experience – often gained through internships

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

-community college or technical school examples

Red River College, Seneca College, Centre for Arts and Technology

-Master degree program examples (not required, but a further step in education if you have completed your BFA with Honours)

Carleton University Master of Design, OCAD University Master of Design in Strategic Foresight and Innovation, NSCAD University Master of Design

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What career areas are connected?

-3D Renderer-Designer, Animator, Illustrator, Signmaker, Greeting Card Designer, Website Designer, Typographer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Segun Olude

-John Funk

How do I become a Graphic Novelist?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Creates a storyline and illustrations for a book in comic-strip format.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- story-telling ability
- character development

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent when working in this field, focusing on Drawing and Painting courses, and perhaps Graphic Design courses
- Creative writing courses as electives may be an asset.

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- Concordia University Master of Fine Art (Painting and Drawing concentration)
- NSCAD University Master of Fine Arts in Fine and Media Arts
- Emily Carr Master of Applied Arts

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What career areas are connected?

-Cartoonist, Court Artist, Children's Book Illustrator, Illustrator, Graphic Designer, Medical Illustrator, Science Fiction Illustrator, Storyboard Artist

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Scott Henderson
- Scott Ford

How do I become a Greeting Card Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Create greeting cards that are handmade, printed, or are digital e-cards. This can be done by working at an existing company, by doing freelance work, or by starting your own company as an entrepreneur.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- knowledge of applicable computer software
- artistic ability
- understanding of printing processes
- marketing skills
- creative writing abilities

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art– it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

Business/Marketing courses, taken as electives, may be an asset if you want to start your own business

-a diploma from a community college or technical school – in order to develop skills with computer software

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however individuals may choose to upgrade their computer skills by attending a community college/technical school.

-community college or technical school examples

Red River College, Seneca College, Centre for Arts and Technology

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What career areas are connected?

-Animator, Illustrator, Signmaker, Graphic Designer, Typographer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

<http://www.canadiangreetings.com/>

How do I become an Illustrator?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Creates drawings and/or paintings used in books, magazines, newspapers, brochures, textbooks, advertising, and/or greeting cards.

What knowledge/skills are required?

-artistic ability

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent when working in this field, focusing on Drawing and Painting courses

Business/Marketing courses are an asset as many Illustrators choose to work independently as freelancers.

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

-Concordia University Master of Fine Art (Painting and Drawing concentration)

-NSCAD University Master of Fine Arts in Fine and Media Arts

-Emily Carr Master of Applied Arts

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

-Cartoonist, Court Artist, Children's Book Illustrator, Graphic Novelist, Graphic Designer, Medical Illustrator, Science Fiction Illustrator, Storyboard Artist

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Ben Clarkson

-Karen Justl

How do I become a Lighting Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Responsible for designing and implementing the various lighting requirements for the theatre and/or a film, and ensuring it contributes to the mood and visual impact of the performance/show. Lighting Designers are often required to draw and/or create scale models of where the lights are set up, how they will light a scene, what the final lighting effect will be, etc.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- organization skills (often there are many different lights that need to be turned on/off, changed, moved, etc. individually or simultaneously in cue with the action that is taking place on stage/set)
- ability to work well with others (often needs to coordinate with the set designer and director to understand the mood, possible lighting challenges, movement across the stage/set, etc.)
- understanding of how light brightness, colour, distribution, and movement work in coordination with one another to create a mood/scene/atmosphere/etc.

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

Focusing on Photography and Video courses in order to work with and better understand how to use lights visually and conceptually

Drawing courses are also an asset

Theatre courses as electives may be an asset

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- Ryerson University Lighting Design Certificate
- Parsons the New School for Design Master of Fine Art in Lighting Design
- University of Florida + College of Fine Arts Master of Fine Art in Theatre (Lighting Design)

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

- Exhibition Designer, Production Designer, Set Designer, Theater Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Hugh Conacher
- Randy Zyla Harder
- Larry Isacoff
- Scott Henderson

How do I become a Master Printer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

A highly skilled printer who assists artists to produce print editions.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- exceptional technical skills in a variety of printmaking methods
- understanding of colour (how to mix inks and how colours interact with one another)
- understanding of various hazardous materials used in artworks in order to implement safe work practices

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art – (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master’s degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent when working in this field
- Focusing on Printmaking courses
- On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- Tamarind Institute Master Printer Training Program
 - University of Guelph Master of Fine Art (Printmaking)
 - Concordia University Master of Fine Art (Printmaking)
- *These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

- Lithographer, Silkscreen Artist, Silkscreen Printer, Studio Technician

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Gary Styrchak
- Patrick Neufeld

How do I become a Medical Illustrator?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Create images that are used in textbooks, brochures, research publications, and/or advertisements in order to communicate complex medical information more clearly.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- understanding of anatomy
- comfortable while working in medical situations such as operating rooms and morgues

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent when working in this field, focusing on Drawing courses, specifically Figure Drawing, as well as a few Graphic Design courses
- Science courses (specifically Biology/Anatomy), taken as electives

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- University of Illinois at Chicago Master of Science in Biomedical Visualization
- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Master of Arts in Medical and Biological Illustration

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are other programs in Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

- Cartoonist, Court Artist, Children's Book Illustrator, Graphic Novelist, Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Science Fiction Illustrator, Storyboard Artist

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Teddy Cameron
- Derek Brueckner

How do I become a Muralist?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Painting large-scale artworks, in interior or exterior locations, often utilizing walls and ceilings. These works are often considered public art because of their accessibility to the public.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- ability to work in large scale
- ability to work safely at heights

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

Focusing on Painting courses

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- Emily Carr Master of Fine Art
- Concordia University Master of Fine Art (Painting and Drawing)
- University of Guelph Master of Fine Art

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

- Set Designer, Theater Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Charlie Johnston
- Michel Saint Hilaire
- Reid Edgeworth

How do I become a Museum Archivist?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Involved in compiling and organizing documents relevant to the gallery/museum and its art/artifacts. They record information about art/artifacts (including dimensions, material, exhibition history, provenance, etc.), and collect articles relevant to research done at the gallery/museum to allow for an understanding of historical contexts.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- computer skills (for inputting archives into a digital database)
- good organization skills
- good literacy skills
- interest in research

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program)

Focusing on Art History

History courses outside of the faculty of fine art may also be an asset

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

- University of Manitoba Master of Archival Studies
- Algonquin College Archives and Records Management Certificate
- University of Toronto Master of Information (Archives & Records Management concentration)

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

- Art Historian, Art History Researcher, Art Librarian

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Cindi Steffan
- Hope Peterson
- Alf Redekopp

How do I become a Museum Photographer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Involves the photographic documentation of a museum's artworks and/or artifacts.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- strong understanding of lighting techniques
- understanding of archival techniques for handling artifacts

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art– it is important to develop your artistic talent and/or camera technical skills when working in this field, focusing on Photography courses

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- Concordia University Master of Fine Art (Photography concentration)
- Ryerson University Master of Fine Art in Documentary Media
- Emily Carr Master of Applied Arts

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What career areas are connected?

-Aerial Photographer, Commercial Photographer, Fine Art Photographer, Photo-Retoucher

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Harry Foster

How do I become a Museum Preparator?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Involved in exhibition installation and de-installation, in charge of museum maintenance such as painting walls/monitoring temperature and humidity/etc., packs and unpacks museum objects including building containers, matts/mounts/frames art for exhibition, installs labels for exhibition, and builds signage, cabinets, special lighting effects, and props

What knowledge/skills are required?

- construction and electrical skills
- ability to work with a variety of hand and power tools and an understanding of different building materials
- understanding of how to handle/install art
- previous work experience in a museum/gallery is an asset

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art – it is important to develop a broad understanding of many different art mediums in order to understand art handling and exhibition requirements
- On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however individuals may choose to upgrade their construction/electrical skills by continuing in their studies.

- Red River College Carpentry Program
- Winnipeg Technical College Entry Level Carpentry Training Program – Level 1
- Winnipeg Technical College Electrical Applications Program – Level 1

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What career areas are connected?

-Art Conservator, Art Restorer, Curator, Exhibition Coordinator, Exhibition Designer, Gallery Assistant, Museum Archivist, Museum/Gallery Technician

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Dan Donaldson
- Ashton Coles
- Kevin McKenzie

How do I become a Museum/Gallery Technician?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Assists curators and is involved in designing and building exhibitions, packs and unpacks museum objects, catalogues museum inventory, aids in cleaning/repairing/preserving/restoring artifacts, and may be involved in creating museum literature for exhibits as well as marketing.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- must be in good physical condition (may be required to lift heavy objects)
- understanding of a broad range of art mediums and materials
- understanding of how to handle/install art
- previous work experience in a museum/gallery is an asset

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art – it is important to develop a broad understanding of many different art mediums in order to understand art handling and exhibition requirements
- On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however individuals may choose to pursue more education in anticipation of advancement and promotional opportunities (often leading to a curator position), which may otherwise be limited.

- Queen's University Master of Art Conservation
- Fleming College Museum Management and Curatorship
- Algonquin College Applied Museum Studies Diploma

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What career areas are connected?

- Art Conservator, Art Restorer, Curator, Exhibition Coordinator, Exhibition Designer, Gallery Assistant, Museum Archivist, Museum Preparator

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Vitaliy Yatsevych
- Bob Peacock

How do I become a Police Artist?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Creates images of faces that are used in law enforcement investigations. This may involve creating composite sketches of suspects, providing age progression images of adults and children, using unidentified human skulls to create drawings and sculptures of what an individual may have looked like, and creating images of unidentified individuals post-mortem that can be released to the public without showing any damage and/or decomposition.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- strong communication skills
- sensitivity to people in traumatic situations
- ability to draw from verbal descriptions
- strong understanding of human anatomy
- understanding of how to create a 2D representation of a 3D object
- ability to view graphic images without becoming squeamish (when working on reconstructing a facial image when an individual has experienced damage and/or decomposition)

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art– it is important to develop your artistic talent when working in this field, focusing on Drawing courses, as well as Sculpture courses

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however it is a very competitive field when done as a freelancer and is often only accessible to those already working within law enforcement. Individuals may choose to upgrade their skills by continuing in their studies, although some programs only accept applicants who are Law Enforcement employees.

- University of Dundee Master of Science in Forensic Art
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Forensic Imaging Training

What career areas are connected?

-Court Artist, Illustrator, Medical Illustrator, Portrait Painter

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Kevyn Bourgeios

How do I become a Portrait Painter?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Specializes in creating depictions of a subject, with the intent of capturing their essence, expression, and personality.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- ability to draw quickly (if portraits are done during sittings)

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent when working in this field, focusing on Drawing and Painting courses

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- Concordia University Master of Fine Art (Painting and Drawing concentration)
- NSCAD University Master of Fine Arts in Fine and Media Arts
- Emily Carr Master of Applied Arts

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What career areas are connected?

-Cartoonist, Court Artist, Illustrator, Medical Illustrator, Police Artist

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Felicity Don
- Alex El
- Tom Andrich

How do I become a Private Art Instructor?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Teaching art to individuals or small-groups privately within your own studio or home.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- ability to work well with others
- good communication skills
- understanding of various teaching and learning modes is an asset

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling.

What career areas are connected?

-Art Teacher, College/University Art Professor, Gallery/Museum Art Educator, Studio Technician

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Charlene Brown
- Katharine Bruce
- Patricia Penner

How do I become a Production Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Responsible for creating the aesthetics of a production, whether in TV/film, advertising, or theatre and often oversee the work of set designers, prop makers, costume designers, etc. to ensure a cohesive look that matches the intended feel/mood of the project.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- ability to work well with others (must be able to oversee the work of others while collaborating with producers, directors, cinematographers, etc. to determine the project's feel/mood)
- ability to integrate many small parts into a single cohesive experience that adds to the story's concept, mood/atmosphere, and is visually stimulating
- detail oriented
- good communication skills
- commitment to lifelong learning (this position often requires extra research into the different styles of architecture, interior design, dress, landscapes, etc. in different time periods, cultures, social classes, etc.)

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

Theatre courses as electives are an asset

-On the job experience, often gained through internships

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- University of Alberta Master of Fine Art Theatre Design
- University of British Columbia Master of Fine Art Design & Production for Theatre
- The Banff Centre Theatre Production, Design, and Stage Management Work Study Programs

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

-Exhibition Designer, Set Designer, Theatre Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Mary Kerr
- Kari Hagness
- Brenda McLean

How do I become a Set Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Responsible for designing and creating sceneries/stage backgrounds used in film/TV, concerts, theatre, dance, public speeches, etc.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- construction skills

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

Focusing on a combination of painting, drawing, and sculpture courses

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- National Theatre School of Canada Set and Costume Design Program
- Tisch Design for Stage & Film Master of Fine Art (focusing on set design)
- The Banff Centre Theatre Production, Design, and Stage Management Work Study Program

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What career areas are connected?

- Exhibition Designer, Muralist, Production Designer, Theater Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Mary Kerr
- David Hewlett
- Alistair MacRae

How do I become a Sound Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

There are a variety of specializations within this field that find work in areas such as film and video games. Some sound designers are in charge of a project's soundtrack, others create/gather/manipulate specific sounds, some edit the sounds after filming to refine/enhance/distort them

What knowledge/skills are required?

- excellent creativity and imagination
- understanding of how sound works
- background in music is an asset
- on the job experience in theatre/film/TV is an asset
- understanding of applicable sound recording equipment and editing software programs
- ability to hear and understand the different components of sound (such as pitch, timbre, rhythm, attack, sustain, decay, etc.)

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic creativity when working in this field

Focusing on Video courses in order to work with and better understand how to use/record/edit sound

Theatre courses as electives may be an asset depending on your desired area of specialty

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

- Trebas Institute Sound Design program
 - Vancouver Film School Game Audio program
 - Savannah College of Art and Design Master of Fine Arts in Sound Design
- *These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

-Film Editor, Video Game Designer, Video Producer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- JP Neufeld
- Scott Enns
- Alan Braverman

How do I become a Studio Technician?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Assists artists with technical aspects of art making in a studio setting and may specialize in certain areas, such as printmaking or working in a woodshop. Other responsibilities may include equipment maintenance, keeping track of inventory, and ensuring that safety procedures are followed.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- understanding of a broad range of art materials and methods
- understanding of various hazardous materials used in artworks in order to implement safe work practices
- must be in good physical condition (may be required to lift heavy objects, climb ladders, etc.)
- good understanding of the applicable studio equipment
- ability to work well with others

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art – it is important to develop a broad understanding of many different art materials/methods/techniques and the equipment involved in the area of focus
- On the job experience is an asset

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling.

What career areas are connected?

- Master Printer, Private Art Instructor

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Peter Graham
- Andrew Lodwich
- Chris Pancoe

How do I become a Tattoo Artist?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Responsible for the design and application of tattoos. Artists working in this field work with images and text, and need to be familiar with a variety of styles.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability (especially drawing skills)
- understanding of lettering
- detail oriented
- a steady hand and an ability to work with confidence under pressure
- ability to draw many different styles (ex. realism, comic styles, calligraphy, etc.)

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field
- On the job experience

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling and most tattoo artists find work by initially apprenticing at a reputable location, which eventually leads to a paid position.

What career areas are connected?

- Calligrapher, Cartoonist

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- Pat Lazo
- Ashley Martin
- Nadine Mitchell

How do I become a Theatre Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Responsible for the design of a theatre's show, including the space, props, and costumes.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- artistic ability
- good spatial relations
- ability to integrate many small parts into a single cohesive experience that adds to the story's concept, mood/atmosphere, and is visually stimulating

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

Theatre courses as electives are an asset

-On the job experience, often gained through internships

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

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What career areas are connected?

-Exhibition Designer, Production Designer, Set Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Brian Perchaluk

-Deco Dawson

-Judith Bowden

How do I become a Type Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Creates new fonts.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- knowledge of applicable computer software
- artistic ability
- understanding of type (serifs, side-bearings, kernings, etc.)

What education is required?

-Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program)– it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field

Focusing on Graphic Design courses

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

This line of work does not require extra schooling, however, there are some additional programs/courses available if desired.

-Cooper Union Typeface Design Certificate

*This is only one example to begin your search. There are other graphic design programs across Canada as well as the United States that look at type design as well as other graphic design issues, but currently, Cooper Union is the only program that exclusively focuses on type design.

What career areas are connected?

-Calligrapher, Graphic Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

-Peter Rempel

How do I become a Video Game Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

It involves various aspects of video game designing including: developing a storyline, creation of characters/scenes/movement, development of game layout, creation of sound elements including music/sound effects/voices.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- knowledge of applicable computer software
- artistic ability
- creative problem-solving
- ability to think spatially

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art (an Honours degree is required if wanting to pursue a Master's degree program) – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field, focusing on Graphic Design courses
- a diploma from a community college or technical school – in order to develop skills with computer software
- On the job experience – often gained through internships

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

Community college or technical school examples

- Red River College 3D Computer Graphics Diploma
- VanArts Game Art & Design Diploma
- Seneca College Game Art and Animation Graduate Certificate

Master degree program examples (not required, but a further step in education if you have completed your BFA with Honours)

- Emily Carr Master of Digital Media
- OCAD University Master of Digital Futures
- University of BC Master of Digital Media

*These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

- 3D Renderer-Designer, Animator, Graphic Designer, Sound Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

Noah-Decter Jackson's Complex Games

Zenfri

Kal Shariff's Project Whitecard

<http://newmediamanitoba.com/>

How do I become a Website Designer?

What does someone in this job/career do?

Creates websites and develops the layout and design for clients. May be required to write and/or edit the content of a site, and often needs an understanding of web programming to implement designs.

What knowledge/skills are required?

- knowledge of applicable computer software
- artistic ability
- web programming is an asset
- understanding of current Internet trends

What education is required?

- Bachelor of Fine Art – it is important to develop your artistic talent and creativity when working in this field, focusing on Graphic Design courses
- Business/Marketing courses, taken as electives, may be an asset
- a diploma from a community college or technical school – in order to develop skills with computer software
- On the job experience – often gained through internships

After I complete my BFA, what are the other programs that will further my studies?

- Red River College Web Site Development Certificate
 - Sheridan Web Design Graduate Certificate
 - VanArts Web Development & Interactive Design Diploma
- *These are only a few examples to begin your search. There are many programs across Canada as well as the United States that are available.

What career areas are connected?

- 3D Renderer-Designer, Animator, Signmaker, Greeting Card Designer, Graphic Designer

Who are local examples, or alumni, who are working in this career?

- John Funk
- Karen Justl
- Neil Graham