

Autodesk® Professional Excellence Program

Enhance your knowledge.
Advance your career.



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Develop your instructional skills and increase your technical expertise with the Autodesk Professional Excellence Program.

The ACI Workshop was probably the most intense evaluation I've ever had in my life! One of those 'didn't kill me, just made me stronger' type of moments that I'm sure I'll be lecturing my kids about when they get older. It was good to get out of my comfort level and have my weak points exposed. I am using the things I learned from the Workshop in my teaching right now. I feel much more confident in the classroom, and I am now starting to seek out peer evaluation more regularly.

—Geoff Beatty
Philadelphia University

What is Autodesk Professional Excellence?

Autodesk® Professional Excellence (APEX) is a comprehensive collection of Autodesk Media & Entertainment professional development and accreditation programs. APEX provides professional educators with the opportunity to remain current with 3D and 2D software and technology trends. You can obtain accreditation that is recognized globally, connect with peers, find new career opportunities, and ultimately be instrumental in contributing to a more knowledgeable and aware industry.

If you teach Autodesk Media & Entertainment software at academic institutions or Authorized Training Centers around the world, you can benefit from APEX by increasing your expertise and honing your instructional skills. APEX programs offer you:

- Recognition: The opportunity to become an Autodesk Certified Instructor (ACI)
- Guidance: The chance to achieve "Master Trainer" status as an Autodesk Certification Evaluator (ACE)
- Learning: Train-The-Trainer (T3) courses offering professional career development
- Sharing: Resources for networking, learning, and exchanging knowledge within the Professional Instructor Community (PIC) portal on the Autodesk AREA online community
- Opportunities to fulfill Autodesk Training Center instructor authorization requirements by attaining Autodesk Approved Instructor (AAI) status*

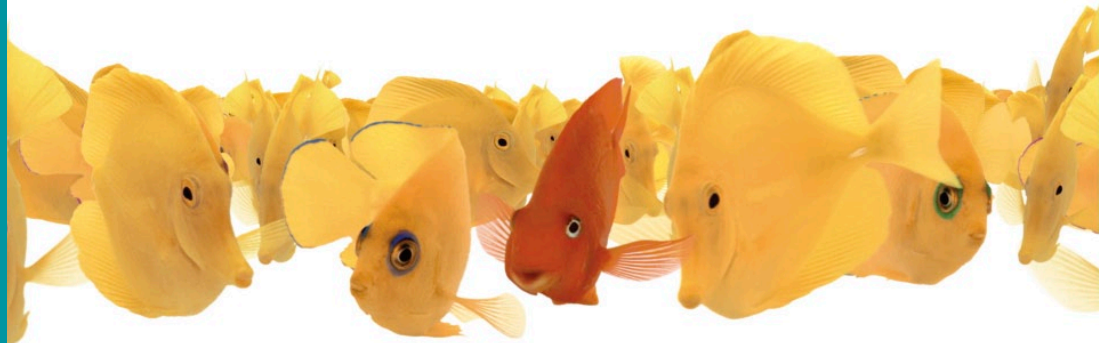
* Limited to instructors at authorized Autodesk® Training Centers

Autodesk Certified Instructors (ACI)

This certification program sets the bar by providing instructional standards for teaching Autodesk® 3ds Max®, Autodesk® Maya®, Autodesk® Smoke®, Autodesk® Flame®, and Autodesk® Lustre® in the media and entertainment industry. Next, it raises the bar by providing coaching, mentoring, evaluation, and accreditation services to ensure that only the best instructors teach Autodesk software. The ACI Program is available worldwide and includes benefits such as:

- Official Autodesk® Completion Certificate for display
- Learning and training opportunities
- Autodesk® NFR software for instructional content development purposes (3D software products only)
- Featured listing on the Autodesk AREA online community
- Discounts on Autodesk education and training events
- Exclusive access to the Professional Instructor Community (PIC)

To apply or learn more, visit:
www.autodesk.com/ACI



The Autodesk Professional Excellence Program helps professional educators succeed by staying ahead of the curve.



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Autodesk Certification Evaluators (ACE)

The ACE Program assembles industry-recognized “Master Trainers” from around the world with the goal of advancing APEX programs and expanding their availability. The primary responsibility of the ACE is to coach, mentor, and evaluate candidates that pursue the Autodesk Certified Instructor (ACI) Program. Membership to the ACE Program is through invitation only. Typical qualifications of an ACE include:

- Autodesk Certified Instructor
- High-level understanding of current production environments and workflow
- Experience in a variety of instructional environments
- Solid leadership capabilities
- Production experience in one or more industry markets (i.e. Film, Games, Television/Broadcast, Design Visualization)
- A background in CG or VFX curriculum development and/or instructional design
- Active contributor (i.e. Speaker/Instructor/Judge) at prominent industry events
- Interpersonal career development experience (i.e. mentoring, tutoring)
- Foreign language skills

Other requirements may apply. To learn more, contact: me.certification@autodesk.com.

Train-The-Trainer (T3)

The Train-The-Trainer Program offers a range of practical, industry-oriented courses to help instructors develop their technical skills on Autodesk software, expand their knowledge and awareness of the CGI and VFX industry, and improve their instructional delivery. The Train-The-Trainer curriculum includes courses such as:

- Animation: The Past, Present, and Future
- Special and Digital VFX: The Past, Present, and Future
- Autodesk Smoke Level 1 T3
- Autodesk Flame Level 1 T3
- Autodesk Smoke Level 2 T3
- Autodesk Flame Level 2 T3
- Autodesk Lustre T3
- Autodesk® Toxik™
- Autodesk Maya Demystified
- Film-Production Immersion
- Instructional Best Practices

To learn more or get a schedule of upcoming courses, email: t3@autodesk.com.

Autodesk Professional Instructor Community (PIC)

The PIC is a portal on the Autodesk AREA online community where instructors can network, exchange knowledge, and share best practices for instructing with Autodesk Media & Entertainment products. This resource is exclusive to Autodesk Certified Instructors and invited guests. The site includes:

- Discussion forums
- Interviews with industry professionals
- Job boards
- Member galleries showcasing instructor and student work

To learn more, visit <http://area.autodesk.com> or contact: pic@autodesk.com.

Realize your potential with APEX

The Autodesk Professional Excellence Program helps professional educators succeed by staying ahead of the curve. To learn more about how you can benefit from APEX, visit www.autodesk.com/apex.



The ACI Workshop was a great experience! I learned a lot and I have definitely come away a better teacher. I learned more about 3ds Max in those three days than I have in a while. The Evaluator was exceptional; he was just the right mixture of nurturer and critic! My compliments on a great program.

—Gregory W. Berridge
Vancouver Film School

Learn More or Purchase

Autodesk offers a wide range of 3D and 2D solutions to artists, production and game development facilities, and design studios looking to fully experience their creative ideas. These solutions include Autodesk® 3ds Max®, Autodesk® 3ds Max® Design, Autodesk® HumanIK®, Autodesk® ImageModeler™, Autodesk® Kynapse®, Autodesk® Maya®, Autodesk® MotionBuilder®, Autodesk® Mudbox™, Autodesk® Stitcher™, Autodesk® Toxik™, Autodesk® Smoke®, Autodesk® Flame®, Autodesk® Lustre® and Autodesk® FBX® software applications and technologies. For more information about the entire Autodesk 3D and 2D product portfolio, visit www.autodesk.com/me.

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