CMA offers the Diploma of Photo Imaging. This is a recognised training program designed to equip you with necessary skills and knowledge to embark upon a career in this exciting industry.

CMA Training Group, is a registered training organisation. This guarantees you are receiving quality and relevant information, and enables us to issue you with a qualification under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).
The Diploma of Photo Imaging is a comprehensive photography course that will enable you to work across a range of professional areas, including portraiture, wedding, commercial, fashion, editorial, landscape, food, products and event photography.

The course will give you a solid understanding of how to light and capture images to suit any style or situation. This course offers regular industry excursions and location photo shoots, which will give you amazing opportunities for portfolio development.

You will develop knowledge of current trends in photo imaging, learn to interpret assignment briefs, consult with clients to refine objectives, develop concepts, use a range of technologies and workflows to capture images, employ aesthetic, conceptual, compositional and technical skills and gain exposure to a variety of shooting styles.

You begin by learning basic photography fundamentals including assessing correct and optimal exposures, simple and sophisticated lighting and digital image capture. You will develop digital image manipulation, processing and post-production skills using Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom. This will enable you to enable you to create dynamic imagery through graphic effects and touch up your photos to build a professional and diverse portfolio of work.

Emphasis is placed on all assessments being relevant to the current photographic industry. Major projects will allow you to showcase your unique, signature style. Final assessments include a portfolio and exhibition to help you to begin to promote yourself as commercially viable artists and also serve as a valuable marketing tool for their career.

Throughout the course there will be many opportunities for you to work with our students studying in our make-up and beauty, providing you with further opportunities and experience.

This demanding, but rewarding, photography course can lead you to a successful career in the exciting world of professional photography.
COURSE DETAILS

DURATION
Two evenings per week for a period of 18 months or 3 days per week for a period of 12 months.

Term breaks are scheduled in accordance with the ACT School Terms.

COST
$13,950. This program is VET Fee-HELP Approved. For further information contact the Academy today.

INTAKE
The Diploma of Photo Imaging currently has one intake per year – February. Both daytime and evening programs are available.

PRE-REQUISITES
Entry to this qualification is limited to those able to demonstrate photo imaging skills that support learning at Diploma level. You will need to submit a portfolio of your work and attend an interview. For more information, contact the Student Liaison Officer admin@cmatraining.com.au.

STUDY NOW PAY LATER

VET FEE-HELP is a student loan scheme for the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector that is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). VET FEE-HELP assists eligible students undertaking certain VET diploma level and above courses. It allows students to borrow funds up to their FEE-HELP limit to help pay for all or part of their VET tuition fees. Students who access VET FEE-HELP assistance will have a loan with the Australian Government who will, on the student’s behalf, pay their VET tuition fees to their approved VET provider. CMA is an approved VET FEE-HELP provider. CMA’s Diploma programs are covered by the scheme. For more information, call the Academy today.
WORKPLACE TRAINING

Diploma students must complete 80 hours of workplace training.

Work experience opportunities may include local events, including sporting events and functions, portraiture, accompanying professional wedding photographers to shoots, product and commercial shoots, fashion and editorial shoots.

Work experience will help build confidence, as well as networking in the industry for repeat work. CMA has countless work experience come in through the school throughout the year, however it is ultimately the student’s responsibility to attend and source work experience.

FACILITIES

Diploma of Photo Imaging students have access to CMA’s studio facilities, Mac Lab, complete with current, industry standard software and professional makeup facilities. Students are required to purchase a camera kit for use throughout their training. Whilst, access to CMA’s Mac Lab is provided, it is recommended that students have their own laptop.

Students have access to CMA’s online learning management system, providing access to assessment tasks, additional learning resources, demonstration videos, practical notes and procedures, online quizzes, forum discussion and ongoing trainer support.

CAMERA KIT

This is a kit of equipment designed to allow you to continue to practice outside of class hours, attend work experience and begin professional work within your field of study. The materials and equipment contained within these kits becomes your property once purchased. You are supplied with additional materials and equipment for use during class hours at CMA. You may purchase the following kit materials independently, or alternatively, they may be purchase through CMA. Please contact the Academy for pricing information.

Camera kit, includes:

- Camera Body
- Wide zoom lens
- Flash
- Polarising filter for lens
- UV filter for lens
- Camera bag
- Lens cleaning kit - with rocket blower
- Memory cards
- Extra battery - Camera
- Recharge batteries for flash
- Maybe an off camera trigger for the flash
- Small torch
- Medium tripod

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

Students are required to purchase a uniform. T-shirts are $49 each. Optional hoodies are also available for $49 each. Photography students are required to purchase a textbook for $50 and an external, portable disk drive to save and backup their work and a camera kit, as described below.

CMA also holds an annual graduation dinner, which costs approximately $70 per graduating student. Students may invite as many guests as they choose.
RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

Previous work experience or training courses may enable us to deem you competent in certain areas which will allow exemption from some modules. This process is referred to as ‘Recognition of Prior Learning’ (RPL). As a Registered Training Organisation, delivering nationally recognised training, CBA can assist you with this process. Please feel free to download an RPL application form from our website. Application for RPL must occur prior to course commencement.

CAREER + LEARNING PATHWAYS

People with CUV50411 Diploma of Photo Imaging are able to work in a range of commercial and artistic photo imaging disciplines. The qualification also prepares people for learning at higher levels, including Degree qualifications in photo imaging practice.

JOB ROLES MAY INCLUDE:
- Wedding Photographer
- Portrait Photographer
- Commercial Photographer
- Digitiser

NO HIDDEN FEES

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ENROLMENT PROCEDURE

An appointment for a personal interview may be arranged with the Academy’s Student Liaison Manager. During this interview we will discuss the course content in detail and answer any questions you may have. As placements are limited, your suitability may also be assessed. You can enrol by completing an enrolment pack and paying a $500 deposit to secure your spot.

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