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**ABOUT THE ART INSTITUTES**

The Art Institutes ([www.artinstitutes.edu](http://www.artinstitutes.edu)), a system of over 40 education institutions located throughout North America, is an important source of design, media arts, fashion and culinary arts professionals.

The Art Institutes schools faculty members are not only skilled instructors, but also trained professionals in their fields. Many faculty members have extensive industry experience, in addition to standard academic qualifications.

The Art Institutes operate in Arlington, VA; Atlanta, GA; Austin, TX; Boston, MA; Charleston, SC; Charlotte, NC; Chicago, IL; Cincinnati, OH; Dallas, TX; Decatur, GA; Denver, CO; Detroit, MI; Fort Lauderdale, FL; Houston, TX; Indianapolis, IN; Jacksonville, FL; Las Vegas, NV; Los Angeles (Orange County), CA; Los Angeles (Santa Monica), CA; Los Angeles (Wilshire Boulevard), CA; Miami, FL; Minneapolis, MN; Nashville, TN; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Phoenix, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland, OR; Sacramento, CA; Salt Lake City, UT; San Bernardino, CA; San Diego, CA; San Francisco, CA; Schaumburg, IL; Seattle, WA; Sunnyvale, CA; Tampa, FL; Tucson, AZ; Vancouver, BC; and York, PA.

The Art Institutes schools offer a broad range of programs including Audio Production, Culinary Arts, Culinary Management, Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing, Graphic Design, Industrial Design, Web Design & Interactive Media, Interior Design, Media Arts & Animation, Photography, Restaurant Management and Video Production. Not all programs are offered at all schools. The Art Institutes work closely with employers to design programs that meet specific industry needs.

Each of The Art Institutes schools is licensed by the state in which it is located and is authorized to confer its respective diplomas, and associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees. All of The Art Institutes schools are separately accredited by one or more independent accrediting agencies recognized by the Department of Education.

The parent company of The Art Institutes, Education Management LLC (<http://www.edmc.com>), with 96,000 students as of Fall 2007, is among the largest providers of post-secondary education in North America, based on student enrollment and revenue. Education Management has 83 locations in 26 U.S. states and in Canada. Education Management's educational institutions offer a broad range of academic programs concentrated in the media arts, design, fashion, culinary arts, behavioral sciences, health sciences, education, information technology, legal studies and business fields, culminating in the award of associate's through doctoral degrees. Education Management has provided career-oriented education for over 40 years.

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