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ABOUT THE ART INSTITUTES

The Art Institutes (www.artinstitutes.edu), a group of 31 educational institutions located throughout North America, is an important source of design, media arts, fashion and culinary arts professionals. Culinary arts curricula are offered at 22 of The Art Institutes.

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

The Art Institutes operate in Atlanta, GA; Arlington, VA (as The Art Institute of Washington); Boston, MA (as The New England Institute of Art); Charlotte, NC; Chicago and Schaumburg, IL (as the Illinois Institute of Art); Cincinnati, OH (as The Art Institute of Ohio – Cincinnati); Dallas, TX; Denver, CO; Fort Lauderdale, FL; Houston, TX; Indianapolis, IN; Jacksonville, FL (opening January 2007); Las Vegas, NV; Los Angeles, CA (as The Art Institute of California – Los Angeles and California Design College); Miami, FL (as Miami International University of Art & Design); Minneapolis, MN; Nashville, TN (opening October 2006); New York, NY; Orange County, CA; Philadelphia, PA; Phoenix, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland, OR; San Diego, CA (as The Art Institute of California – San Diego); San Francisco, CA (as The Art Institute of California – San Francisco); Seattle, WA; Tampa, FL; Toronto, ON, Canada; Vancouver, BC, Canada (as The Art Institute of Vancouver); York, PA (as Bradley Academy for the Visual Arts); and The Art Institute Online, a division of The Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

The Art Institutes offer a broad range of programs including Audio Production, Culinary Arts, Culinary Management, Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing, Graphic Design, Industrial Design, Interactive Media Design, 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 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 are accredited by one or more independent accrediting agencies recognized by the Department of Education.

The Art Institutes offer students a wide range of career services, and of all 2005 graduates of Art Institutes schools who were available for employment, 90 percent were working in their fields of study within six months following graduation, earning average salaries of \$29,710.

The Art Institutes graduates are employed by companies and organizations of all types and size, including some of the most prominent companies in the United States, such as MTV, Time Warner, AT&T, Home Depot/EXPO Center, Lockheed Martin, Nordstrom, Nintendo of America, Walt Disney & Affiliates, Marriott, Yahoo Broadcast Services, Ernst & Young, Microsoft, Ford Motor Company and the Fox Entertainment Group.

In addition to professional training, The Art Institutes have integrated volunteer opportunities into their programs. Each year, more than 5,000 students donate in excess of a quarter of a million hours to aid local nonprofit organizations. Students receive invaluable professional experience and directly impact their communities in positive ways. Projects encompass every department, including graphic design, multimedia & web design, fashion design, animation and culinary arts.

The parent company of The Art Institutes, Education Management Corporation (www.edmc.com), is among the largest providers of private post-secondary education in North America, based on student enrollment and revenue. Student enrollment exceeded 72,000 as of fall 2005. EDMC has 71 locations in 24 states and two Canadian provinces. EDMC's education institutions offer a broad range of academic programs concentrated in the media arts, design, fashion, culinary arts, behavioral sciences, health sciences, education, information technology and business fields, culminating in the award of associate's through doctoral degrees.

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