Do I need to know digital arts or have a design background?
No, being creative, detail-oriented and having a passion for art, design and technology is all you need to successfully complete the certificate. However, we do recommend that you be familiar with digital design software or Adobe Creative Suite applications.

Do I need to bring a computer with me?
The program will be conducted in a modern computer lab with the latest industry software already installed. You may bring your own laptop, so you can install your copy of the software for use at home, but it is not required.

What is included in the cost of the program?
Academy fee includes textbook, application for candidacy fee, parking, a 12-month subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud Design Premium package, and portfolio reception.

Does the full tuition have to be paid upfront?
No, you can receive an Early Bird discount of $300 off the tuition if you reserve your place by paying a $500 deposit before the specified date, with the balance due on or before the first day of class. Deposit is non-refundable after the specified date. Call Student Services at (951) 827-4105 for details.

Is financial aid available?
As a UCR Extension student, you may be eligible for private financial assistance. Call Student Services at (951) 827-4105 for details. Displaced or disadvantaged workers may be eligible for federal assistance through the Employment Development Department (EDD) of California. For students who qualify, funds may be applied toward the cost of UCR Extension course fees, books and materials.

Will I be able to get a new or better job when I finish?
Although we do not offer a formal job placement service, you will have ample opportunity to network with your instructors, who are seasoned industry professionals with extensive background and experience in the field, as well as with your classmates who may already be working in the field.

Can I work full time and participate in the program?
The Certificate in Digital Arts & Design Academy meets in intensive all-day sessions. Classes in the program are both immersive and project-based and will require some outside classroom and lab work. It is designed for students who can devote themselves to full-time study during the four weeks of the summer academy.