

Webucator Training Services
Photoshop CS Series
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Webucator (www.webucator.com) offers several at-your-own-pace technology and software eLearning courses, in addition to traditional classroom training.

I completed the eLearning series on **Photoshop CS** using a PC with Internet Explorer in January 2010. According to the course description, this series provides learners with an overview of the most frequently used features of Photoshop CS. The series is organized into seven courses:

1. Getting Started
2. Navigation and Layers
3. Selection and Color
4. Paint, Drawing and Text
5. Layer Styles and Filters
6. Adjustment Layers, Tools and Layer Masks
7. Image Output and Web Design

The registration process was easy and I liked the ability to login to the series for up to a year after registering. Each course consists of lessons, questions, exercises, and summaries. You may opt to have the audio narration on or off. A course review is at the end with additional questions and exercises. To proceed through the courses, one must achieve a score of 70% on the questions. A printable certificate of mastery is available at the end of each course.

The series description states the time to complete at 33 hours but I was able to finish it in considerably less time. I was not knowledgeable about Photoshop beforehand and would repeat some sections of the course modules as needed. I also had the Photoshop software open on my computer to apply what I was learning. So even at what I consider my plodding pace, one can comfortably complete the training in less time.

Overall, I would highly recommend this series for people who are new to Photoshop or to those who have not fully explored the software's features. An amazing amount of effort went in to the development of this well-organized training. I plan to continue experimenting with Photoshop using some free tutorials that illustrate special effects. This Webucator **Photoshop CS Series** provides an excellent foundation for further exploration.