

# Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications: Career Cluster Knowledge and Skill Statements with Suggested Performance Indicators

Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the digital arts and graphic design field based on analysis of a variety of media artworks FA-

DAAV01

- A** Describe trends in graphic design and their potential impacts on the future of the industry FA-DAAV01.A

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- B** Describe the historical evolution of the graphic design field and how current strategies build on past efforts FA-DAAV01.B

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- C** Describe the role and influences of media in society, and the potential impacts of technological developments in the digital arts FA-DAAV01.C

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- D** Identify art movements that have impacted digital arts and graphic design FA-DAAV01.D

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- E** Describe how the digital arts and graphic design industry influences aspects of life in the United States (e.g., politics, popular culture, the economy) FA-DAAV01.E

Demonstrate an understanding of the digital arts and graphic design field FA-DAAV02

- A** Analyze various careers and their job descriptions and the educational requirements and certifications to find entry-level employment FA-DAAV02.A

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- B** Define and use industry standard terminology to communicate information FA-DAAV02.B

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- C** Critique the production of and qualities of visual and multimedia works FA-DAAV02.C

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- D** Describe the types and roles of organizations that work in the digital arts and graphic design fields FA-DAAV02.D

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- E** Define gig work and how independent contractors can interface with organizational teams FA-DAAV02.E

**Analyze and use the elements and principles of design** FA-DAAV03

- A Describe the design process, including critical phases of pre-production, production, and post-production** FA-DAAV03.A
- B Understand and apply the elements of design including space, line, color, shape, texture, form, and value** FA-DAAV03.A.B
- C Understand the principles of design including balance, unity, harmony, contrast, hierarchy, alignment, repetition, variety, emphasis, proportion, functionality, proximity, and color theory** FA-DAAV03.C
- D Understand and apply color symbolism, perception, and psychology** FA-DAAV03.D
- E Use the elements and principles of design to create designs using various materials, components, and techniques (e.g., manual and digital sketching)** FA-DAAV03.E
- F Identify the anatomical components and qualities of type (e.g., x-height, ascenders, descenders, counters, etc.)** FA-DAAV03.F

**Apply principles and elements of design** FA-DAAV04

- A Apply effective use of negative space, composition, message structure, graphics, etc., to graphic work** FA-DAAV04.A
- B Create graphic works utilizing grids and templates** FA-DAAV04.B
- C Demonstrate layout skills for print collateral (i.e., business cards, newspapers, packaging, etc.) and digital media** FA-DAAV04.C
- D Explain the importance of consistency of design, usability, and core messaging** FA-DAAV04.D
- E Analyze branding and organizational identity, its purpose and constituents, and create a visual that contains all the richness of the brand** FA-DAAV04.E
- F Apply measurement tools and ratio analysis to image positioning in graphic works, and solve aspect ratio proportion measurement in video and animation development** FA-DAAV04.F
- G Strategically utilize generative methods to formulate multiple ideas and increase the originality of approaches and design** FA-DAAV04.G

**Demonstrate knowledge of the key aspects of production using industry standard software** FA-DAAV05

- A Generate and refine multiple project ideas (through the use of thumbnails, roughs, mock-ups, wireframes, etc.), and create a storyboard or prototype** FA-DAAV05.A
- B Analyze differences and appropriate applications of vector-based and bitmap images** FA-DAAV05.B
- C Use a variety of input devices to import photos, images, and other content** FA-DAAV05.C

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- D Incorporate the use of image manipulation and illustration software into final products** [FA-DAAV05.D](#)

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  - E Apply nondestructive image editing techniques such as layering and masking** [FA-DAAV05.E](#)

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  - F Use different selection tools and techniques to manipulate images and practice in-camera composition and cropping** [FA-DAAV05.F](#)

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  - G Use appropriate resolution, compression, and file formats for various media outputs including web, video, and print, and appropriate color modes in graphic works including but not limited to RGB and CMYK** [FA-DAAV05.G](#)

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  - H Develop and apply a personal aesthetic in designing artistic ideas and production strategies, considering context and project constraints** [FA-DAAV05.H](#)
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**Demonstrate knowledge of the design workflow process to increase success and productivity** [FA-DAAV06](#)

- A Synthesize information collected from communications with clients and other stakeholders to define a scope of work to meet customer needs** [FA-DAAV06.A](#)

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  - B Identify the resources and budget to meet project requirements** [FA-DAAV06.B](#)

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  - C Describe project management and create a workflow for a project, including activities, timeline, critical milestones and deliverables, and potential risks and contingency plans** [FA-DAAV06.C](#)

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  - D Recognize differences in how individuals organize, synthesize, and analyze information** [FA-DAAV06.D](#)

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  - E Produce functional and visual design specifications to create projects** [FA-DAAV06.E](#)

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  - F Analyze customer needs and provide software technical support** [FA-DAAV06.F](#)

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  - G Identify and perform product maintenance activities** [FA-DAAV06.G](#)
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**Demonstrate knowledge of legal issues related to design** [FA-DAAV07](#)

- A Research laws governing copyright, intellectual property (including font usage, photography, illustration, audio, and video rights), and software licensing** [FA-DAAV07.A](#)

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  - B Describe laws governing brand issues, trademark, and other proprietary rights** [FA-DAAV07.B](#)

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  - C Explain the ethical and legal consequences of violating copyright, privacy, and data security laws** [FA-DAAV07.C](#)

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  - D Define fair use including authorships, rights of use for work and likeness, and credit lines and model fair use in production of graphic works** [FA-DAAV07.D](#)
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**Demonstrate knowledge of ethical issues related**

- A Research and discuss censorship as it applies to the design industry** [FA-DAAV08.A](#)

**to design** FA-DAAV08

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**B Explain the purpose of non-disclosure agreements (NDA), the types of requirements that may be included, and the expectations surrounding their use** FA-DAAV08.B

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**C Incorporate cultural sensitivity and diversity awareness into the design process, informed by an understanding of current digital issues surrounding representation and digital technology** FA-DAAV08.C

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**D Explain what constitutes ethical behavior in various situations and settings, and incorporate ethical behaviors in graphic works** FA-DAAV08.D

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**Apply design requirements/ elements for the diversity of needs, values, and social patterns in project design to promote equity** FA-DAAV09

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**A Understand how design is impacted by needs, values, social patterns, and preferences** FA-DAAV09.A

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**B Understand the basic principles of the environmental impact of a design project** FA-DAAV09.B

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**C Evaluate and align sustainable design elements to add value to the project** FA-DAAV09.C

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**D Apply design requirements to accommodate people with varying physical disabilities** FA-DAAV09.D

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**E Understand how implicit and explicit biases (e.g., classism, racism, sexism, homo/transphobia, antisemitism, Islamophobia, ableism, ageism) may impact project design** FA-DAAV09.E

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**Apply knowledge of industry standard equipment, software and technology skills related to production** FA-DAAV10

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**A Apply knowledge of lighting requirements for a planned production** FA-DAAV10.A

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**B Demonstrate knowledge of camera operations, video signals, and video formats** FA-DAAV10.B

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**C Demonstrate the use of software used in film and video production and editing** FA-DAAV10.C

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**D Apply knowledge of basic editing to film, video, and multimedia production** FA-DAAV10.D

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**E Demonstrate operation and maintenance of film and video systems** FA-DAAV10.E

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**F Apply knowledge of control peripherals used for editing film, video, and multimedia production** FA-DAAV10.F

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**Understand and apply elements of two- and three-dimensional media as they relate to design, animation,**

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**A Apply art elements and design principles to work in various media** FA-DAAV11.A

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**B Create and refine a media artwork design idea (and/or digital storyboard) to convey a specific purpose or message for a particular audience or context** FA-DAAV11.B

production, and/or  
special effects FA-DAAV11

**C Refine production processes integrating content and stylistic conventions in media arts production, demonstrating understanding of associated principles such as continuity and juxtaposition** FA-DAAV11.C

**D Create 3D art using analog means to inform digital work** FA-DAAV11.D

**E Use 3D software to create texture and explore the fundamentals of design in animation including posing, timing, key framing, interpolation, transformations, and rendering** FA-DAAV11.E

Apply knowledge of  
industry standard  
equipment, software,  
and technical skills  
related to media  
production FA-DAAV12

**A Apply knowledge of media equipment for productions, including basic recording equipment, microphones, pick-up patterns equalizers, mixing consoles, and quality monitoring equipment** FA-DAAV12.A

**B Exhibit knowledge of analog and digital audio formats** FA-DAAV12.B

**C Demonstrate the techniques required for synchronization of audio and video, including multiple soundtracks** FA-DAAV12.C

**D Exhibit how to write audio scripts for various types of programs** FA-DAAV12.D

Exhibit ability to edit  
media productions FA-  
DAAV13

**A Understand and apply concepts of melody, harmony, texture, rhythm, form, and basic composition in audio arranging, composing and production** FA-DAAV13.A

**B Understand the basic functions and resources for editing media for expressive effect** FA-DAAV13.B

**C Apply knowledge of basic editing to both linear and non-linear systems** FA-  
DAAV13.C

**D Apply knowledge of control peripherals used for editing** FA-DAAV13.D

**E Demonstrate how to operate and troubleshoot wireless and cabled media systems** FA-DAAV13.E

**F Understand the importance of experiencing and studying a wide range of music, both live and recorded** FA-DAAV13.F

Understand the history  
and evolution of  
photography FA-DAAV14

**A Demonstrate knowledge of approaches and trends in photography** FA-DAAV14.A

**B Demonstrate knowledge of photographers who have made an impact on the shaping of images that influenced history and culture, including photographers from historically marginalized groups** FA-DAAV14.B

**C Demonstrate knowledge of photography and its role in art movements** FA-  
DAAV14.C

**D Demonstrate knowledge of the changing technology in photography** FA-DAAV14.D

**Understand and demonstrate the use of photographic principles and processes** FA-DAAV15

- A Understand and apply the theory of light, characteristics of light and optical principles, color temperature, and color relationships** FA-DAAV15.A

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- B Describe use of the elements of art (e.g., color, line, form, shape, space, texture, value), design, and composition in photography** FA-DAAV15.B

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- C Demonstrate basic photographic techniques including center of interest, subject placement, perspective, and balance** FA-DAAV15.C

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- D Understand and apply basic principles of shutter speed, aperture, metering, optics lighting and digital capture** FA-DAAV15.D

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- E Describe the fundamentals of professional software applications to produce digital images using computer software** FA-DAAV15.E

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- F Understand various options available to images including digital compression, color management, and output options** FA-DAAV15.F

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- G Develop confidence in experimentation with photography** FA-DAAV15.G

**Demonstrate the use of photography equipment and software that supports photography** FA-DAAV16

- A Demonstrate the use of still cameras, motion media equipment, and controls** FA-DAAV16.A

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- B Produce a variety of digital images using computer software** FA-DAAV16.B

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- C Demonstrate knowledge of light sensitive material, photographic filters, and lenses** FA-DAAV16.C

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- D Demonstrate the use of lighting equipment and devices** FA-DAAV16.D

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- E Demonstrate how to use image presentation software to manage images and create promotional pieces** FA-DAAV16.E