

# <u>Illustrator Training : Complete 4-day course</u>

# Introduction to Adobe Illustrator Training

# Getting Started with the Illustrator Environment

- Overview of the interface and main tools
- Display settings, grids, smart guides, and panels
- Preferences setup and color management
- Using smart guides for fluid positioning

#### **Creating Vector Graphics**

- Using predefined shapes and drawing tools
- Precise positioning, layer and stacking order management
- Rulers, guides, selection tools, and alignment
- Mastering the Pen Tool: curves and anchor points
- Editing techniques: brush, blob brush, and path modifications
- Creating simple charts with the Graph Tool

# **Object Transformation & Shape Construction**

- Multiple transformations and action repetition
- Object fusion and envelope distortions
- Advanced use of Pathfinder and Shape Builder

# Masking & Graphic Enhancements

- Effective use of clipping masks
- Applying effects and managing with the Appearance panel
- Strokes, alignment, and global color management
- Using gradients and blending modes

#### Typography & Text Formatting

- Creating point text and text on path
- Using curved, area, and vertical text
- Finding, managing, and customizing fonts

#### Layer Organization & File Management

- Efficient structuring with layers and Isolation Mode
- Saving and exporting to PDF, JPG, PNG, EPS, and more



#### Advanced Concepts: Optimization & Recap

- Managing artboards and drawing modes
- Precision work with the pixel grid

# **Advanced Vector Objects**

- Creating patterns, symbols, and complex transformations
- Deep dive into Width Tool and envelope distortions

#### **Complex Graphic Effects**

- 3D effects, gradient mesh, and smooth transitions
- Using the perspective grid
- Expanding objects and recoloring illustrations

#### Working with Bitmap Images

- Managing linked/embedded images and the Links panel
- Image tracing, live paint, and Photoshop effects
- Generating automatic swatches and pixelation

#### Advanced Paths & Masking Techniques

- Transparent paths, opacity and clipping masks
- Organizing artwork with Isolation Mode

#### **Professional Typography**

- Creating and applying character and paragraph styles
- Building a consistent typographic hierarchy

# **Preparing Files for Print**

- Document cleanup and final checks
- Previewing transparency flattening, separations, and overprints
- Print-ready quality control and export