Most photographers already know—they see the world a little differently than others. Photographers notice things about people, places and things that other people are oblivious to on a regular basis. Good photographers are able to connect with all types of people and are curious about the world around them.

Professional and amateur photographers will receive a general knowledge base in digital photography with the completion of this 17-credit hour program. Students will learn how to use the digital tools available and the ever-changing technology of this traditional medium. Instruction emphasizes ways in which traditional photographic visualization and processing can be cultivated and enhanced with advanced computer technology and software.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The Certificate of Specialization in Digital Photography is a 17-credit-hour program designed with the input, knowledge and resources of local industry leaders. Classes focus on both photographic technique and the tools used to achieve high-quality results. Students complete projects using industry-standard computers, scanners, digital cameras, printers, and hardware and software. Professional photographers who pair the Certificate with a two- or four-year degree and/or professional experience are highly qualified for positions in the digital media industry.

Digital Media: Photography classes are taught in the Center for Visual Technology (CVT), part of Meramec’s Digital Arts and Technology Alliance (DATA) Center of Excellence. STLCC Centers of Excellence were created to provide advanced technology training on state-of-the-art equipment for high-wage jobs in high-demand occupations. The CVT features three digital classrooms and two drop-in computer lab/studios with 175 Macintosh computers, several laser and wide-format inkjet printers, a variety of scanners and high-end digital cameras.

The educational version of most software utilized is available at the Campus Bookstore at a discounted price.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS FIELD
Digital photographers work in many different fields, producing digital images for both print and Web publication. For example, they may work for newspapers, magazines, internet marketers, educational institutions, government organizations or advertising agencies. They can be an integral part of a wide variety of creative teams. Those who complete the Certificate also may work as freelance artists.

SALARY INFORMATION
There will be strong competition for jobs in this field, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, with an expected growth of 4% from 2012 through 2022. Average median wage is $28,490 per year.

FEES
Please visit www.stlcc.edu/fees for the most current information. Additional fees apply to some courses. Fees are subject to change.

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**Total Credits for Program:** 17

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