

Photographer Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Operate traditional film or digital cameras to capture images of subjects
- Attach to cameras a range of photographic accessories such as filters, flash attachments, tripod stand and lenses as required
- Adjust camera apertures, shutter speed and camera focus to control parameters such as lighting, field depth and motion
- Set up artificial lighting using flashes, reflectors and other lighting equipment
- Use specialized computer software to enhance and edit digital images
- Produce image prints using chemicals to develop a negative
- Convert image data between digital and analog format using scanners and printers
- Inspect photographic equipment prior to use to ensure they function efficiently
- Select and assemble materials required for a photo shoot such as still life objects and background properties
- Direct and coordinate the activities of photo production personnel
- Take pictures of families, objects, animals or individuals in a studio or at choice location
- Apply specialized photographic technique such as sensitometry, photogrammetry or macrophotography
- Carry out research to develop new photographic procedures and materials
- Frame, laminate or lacquer photographs to obtain a desired finish
- Secure photo copyrights by licensing the use of photographs through stock photo agencies
- Determine the technical requirements of a project such as light levels, distances, and exposure.

Photographer Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education and Training: A photographer job does not require much formal education; with minimum of a high school diploma you can go on to become a photographer by enrolling in a vocational school that offers photography classes. Photographers are required to have a collection of images which highlight their skills and style. This collection of artistic pieces is what clients and art directors use to assess photographers before they are hired or contracted
- Computer skill: Photographers are proficient in using computer technology to edit, process, and print images
- Customer service: They are able to understand the needs of clients thus they work to produce photos that meet such needs
- Artistic Quality: They are able to manipulate parameters such as light, shades, distance, and colors to create the desired effect.