

## VFX Artist

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### **Qualifications**

Candidate need to have a firm understanding of standard software tools of the industry, such as Houdini, Nuke, RenderMan, Adobe CS5, mental ray, and Autodesk Maya. Although a degree is not necessarily required for jobs in this field, a bachelor's degree is standard, and completing a certificate or degree program can help signify qualification to work as a visual effects artist. Associate's, bachelor's, and graduate degree programs are available in relevant fields of study, including computer animation and visual effects.

Visual effects artists produce computer-generated animation and effects for films, television shows, and other media. Degrees range from certificate programs to master's degrees, and knowledge of industry software and the ability to work on a deadline are advantageous in this field. Multimedia artists and animators can expect to see average job growth through the yea.