



# Be part of a media frenzy

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Music, movies, design, video gaming, animation — if you have a passion for any of these areas, the SAE Institute in East Perth will get you on the right career path.

SAE is a private multimedia and entertainment production college that offers internationally recognised courses covering everything from graphic design and music production to screen studies and game development.

SAE manager Dean Pearson said it was a tertiary facility that provided students with industry-recognised training.

“We have four areas of hands-on, practical training — music industry skills, digital filmmaking, multimedia and 3D animation,” he said.

“We offer courses from certificate through to diploma level, full-time

and part-time, that vary in length from six-month programs to two-year courses.”

Courses consist of brief theory components accompanied by extensive hands-on training using the campus’ purpose-built facilities, which include recording studios, computer labs, film sets, animation studios and mixing suites.

“Job prospects for graduates include music producers, recording engineers, advertising and marketing, film editors and directors, web designers and animators.”

The institute opened in 1983 and underwent a major refurbishment in 2005 to include new audio and mixing studios, a green screen sound stage, a 3D animation and multimedia lab and film editing suites.

Mr Pearson said students also

benefited from being taught by staff with extensive industry experience.

All SAE courses are Austudy approved and there are no prerequisites for entry.

“The only requirement is that students must be passionate and creative,” Mr Pearson said. “One of our most successful graduates is Craig Stevenson, a special effects artist who worked on the Lord of the Rings films, and another is Dave Parkin, a music producer who has worked with Perth band Eskimo Joe and is the winner of three WAMI Awards.”

Mr Pearson said with about 200 students, SAE was the biggest and most advanced facility in WA for training in the areas of film, music and multimedia.

It is part of a network of 46 colleges in 16 countries.



Sound future: Students recording in the studio at the SAE Institute.