

## **Graphic technician**

You will in your capacity of graphic technician be in charge of the production of newspapers, books, magazines, posters and other printed media products. This may also include signboards of any kind and wide formats. You will be responsible for the production and planning – from step one of the preparation of the print or other media to the finished product.

At present qualified employees are in high demand, and you will be given an education with good job opportunities. The machinery employed in production being more and more technically advanced, which calls for skilled professionals.

As graphic technician you will therefore be taught information technology and you will learn how to monitor, handle and adjust print machines and book-binding equipment. It is also vital that you get a feeling for the materials used in the industry, such as e.g. paper and print colours.

You will also learn about quality control, and how to plan an efficient print production from start to end. To give you an example, it is important that the first approved print sheet is exactly the same as the last one. Also it is important that the sizing (glueing) is in order when manufacturing books.

A graphic technician may take on work within traditional printing as well as digital printing – and within serigraphy print and industrial book-binding.

### **Length of training**

It takes 3½ years of training to become a graphic technician.

In general, you will begin with 20 weeks of basic training in a school. The remaining part of the training includes either vocational training in the firm with which you have entered into a training agreement, or school stays of 20 weeks in total. You must have a vocational training placement in order to be trained. You are responsible for finding such placement yourself, however the school may assist you in finding a placement.

### **Supplementary information**

Admission requirements are nine years of schooling corresponding to the Leaving Certificate of the Danish Folkeskole.

The training takes place in Tech College situated in Aalborg.