



**Instructor: Cheryl L. Massey**  
**Tuition: \$100 per semester (includes supplies\*)**

(1/2 due at registration,  
1/2 due first day of classes in August)

1 Credit (Fine Arts or Elective)

Grade level: 9-12

### **Overview of Course:**

This high school-level course qualifies for one Fine Arts credit.

Anyone can produce art - but it's easier with the right skills! Students will begin by developing foundational pencil drawing skills, starting with simple sketches and gradually progressing to more complex subjects. Key topics will include line, values, shading, proportion, and composition. Throughout the course, students will also be introduced to various artistic mediums.

In the second semester, students will advance to live drawing, human anatomy, advanced perspective, and detailed nature studies. They will explore color theory through watercolor painting and hands-on experimentation with mixed media.

\*The student will receive an appropriate amount of necessary art supplies as part of the course fee. Additional supplies, or replacement of lost supplies, are the responsibility of the student. A dedicated "art bag" is recommended and encouraged.

### **Student Expectations:**

- Maintain a sketchbook and necessary supplies.
- Arrive prepared with completed homework assignments.
- Apply learned skills in project work.
- Follow the syllabus, keep up with assignments, and seek help when needed.
- Check iGrade weekly for updates
- Participate in classroom discussions, assignment reviews, and hands-on art labs.
- Demonstrate courtesy, support for peers, and respect for all participants.

### **Instructor Biography:**

Cheryl Massey is a retired nurse, educator, and passionate advocate for the arts. Her career has included traditional nursing as well as teaching in public vocational education. After relocating to Knoxville in 1990, she continued working as a nurse until her family made the decision to homeschool, at which point she transitioned fully into teaching. She has worked with Classical Conversations and multiple co-ops, (including CEEC!). A self-taught artist with a deep love for creativity, Cheryl has exhibited her work at venues such as the Knoxville Museum of Art, the Emporium, Oak Ridge Art Center, Plateau Creative Arts, Clayton Center, and the Rose Gallery. She is an active member of the Arts and Culture Alliance and the Knoxville Watercolor Society while serving as the President of both the Tennessee Watercolor Society and the Tennessee Artists Association. Beyond the art world, Cheryl is a professional dog trainer, AKC Evaluator, and volunteers with therapy dogs to support children and the elderly.

Her favorite art quote: "Art is never finished...only abandoned."