

## Wide Format Prepress Operator

Meridian is adding a full-time person to our growing Wide Format Prepress Production Team - If you are amazing at being creative and have top-notch technical skills; and if you are looking for supportive, fun and rewarding culture that fosters both innovation and engagement, then this role is meant for you!

This is a full-time, in-person position based at our office in Loves Park, IL (61111). Starting compensation is \$23.00 per hour, with adjustments based on experience. We offer a comprehensive benefits package, including health, dental, vision, and life insurance, as well as a 401(k) plan.

### REQUIRED CORE COMPETENCIES

- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Multi-tasking ability while keeping attention to detail
- Excellent problem-solving and analytical skills
- Strong customer service orientation

### WHAT YOU WILL DO

- Review and prepare customer-supplied files for print (PDF, AI, PSD, EPS, TIFF, etc.)
- Perform preflight checks, correct file issues, and ensure color accuracy and proper resolution
- Set up files for wide-format printing (banners, posters, signage, trade show graphics, vehicle wraps, etc.)
- RIP and nest files efficiently for print workflows using software such as XMF or similar
- Collaborate with designers, account managers, and production staff to meet deadlines and maintain quality standards
- Manage color profiles, bleed, cut paths, and finishing requirements (lamination, mounting, trimming)
- Troubleshoot file or RIP issues quickly to minimize downtime
- Maintain organized prepress workflow and follow company procedures

### WHAT WE LOOK FOR

- 2+ years of experience in prepress for wide-format or large-format printing
- Strong working knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign)
- Experience with RIP software (XMF or similar)
- Solid understanding of file prep requirements: resolution, color management, bleed, crop marks, cut lines
- Strong attention to detail and ability to spot file issues before production
- Ability to multitask in a fast-paced environment and meet tight deadlines
- Team-oriented mindset with good communication skills
- Experience with finishing processes (lamination, mounting, cutting)
- Knowledge of ICC profiling and color calibration
- Familiarity with CNC/router or laser cutting workflows a plus



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