

## What can you do with a major in Interiors?

**Campus(s) program is offered:** Mountain View Campus

### What are the most likely job titles one can expect to qualify for after completing this program?

- Interior Designer
- Antique Dealer
- Art Director
- Color Consultant
- Commercial Interior Designer
- Contract designer
- Custom Designer
- Environmental Designer
- Exhibition Design
- Fabric Designer
- Space Designer
- Furniture Designer
- In-store designer
- Junior/Assistant Designer
- Lighting Designer
- Historic Preservationist
- Home Furnishings Coordinator
- Product Consultant
- Project Designer
- Researcher
- Residential Consultant
- Sales Representative
- Set Designer
- Showroom Designer
- Kitchen and Bath Designer
- Specialty Designer
- Writer, Design Magazine

### What do students express as the thing they enjoy the most about this program?

- Creating sample boards
- Drawing floor plans and ideas
- Learning about what happens “behind the scenes” in a project
- Discovering resources such as showrooms and innovative product companies

### What is the least?

- Time commitment to be detailed and thorough
- Research technical requirements of building codes
- Paperwork to document material selections is lengthy and detailed
- Reading of historical information and current standards
- Math components in material quantity calculations and geometry of layouts

### What are some typical misconceptions about this program of study?

- There is a lot more to it than picking colors and making it pretty
- This career is a combination of design creativity and technical applications

### What are some essential skills and abilities a student needs to have in order to be successful in program of study?

- Creativity
- “Eye” for color and detail
- Problem-solving skills
- Strong interpersonal/communication skills
- Adept at using computers
- Astute business sense

**What are typical skills and abilities that a student gains once he/she has completed the program of study?**

- Technical drawing by hand and computer
- Understanding of construction for interior projects
- Coordination of responsibilities
- Business knowledge required
- Concept development using principles and elements of design

**Typical work activities/occupational functions:**

- Determine the client's goals and requirements of the project
- Consider how the space will be used and how people will move through the space
- Sketch preliminary design plans
- Specify materials and furnishings, such as lighting, furniture, wall coverings, flooring, equipment, and artwork
- Prepare final plans using computer applications
- Create a timeline for the interior design project and estimate project costs
- Oversee installing the design elements
- Visit after the project to ensure that the client is satisfied
- Search for and bid on new projects

**What additional training would you recommend for a student who wants to go to the next level in this field?**

- Studies can be continued for the use of software such as AutoCAD, Revit, and Photoshop
- Certifications available include Kitchen and Bath Design, Environmental Sustainability (LEED), Aging in Place (CAPP)
- Bachelor's and Master's degrees are available

**Do any of the occupational courses transfer easily?**

- Articulation agreement currently in place with The Art Institute

**What are some common limitations, if any, in this program that students face?**

Time commitment and use of computers

**Are there any exams/certifications that a student needs to take after completing the courses? Are these exams/certifications offered on campus?**

NCIDQ certification is only available after the student completes coursework and gains substantial experience. None offered on campus.

**Possible employment settings:**

Many Interiors professionals are entrepreneurs or secure employment with industrial or commercial architectural and design firms, residential construction companies, or building supply companies. A variety of retail settings prove to be the right creative outlet for many employment seekers.

**Names of potential employers:**

Woodstock Outlet

Duralee Fabrics

Independent designers

Thomasville Furniture

Decorating Den

Home Depot

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