

Is architecture + design for you?

Design is the marriage of science and art. You get a healthy balance of creativity + analytical problem-solving in this industry. If you can answer yes to most or all of these questions, architecture + design might be the path for you!

- Do you like art or drawing?
- Do you like math?
- Could you spend the day working on puzzles?
- Do you like problem-solving or finding multiple solutions to a problem?
- Are you fascinated by colors + materials?
- Are you detail-oriented?
- Do you enjoy hands-on activities?



Student

Today: Learn about architecture + interior design career paths



Apply to architecture/design programs

Successfully graduate with your bachelor's and/or master's degree!



Begin your first job (+ pursue your licensing exams along the way)

Professional

Designer Spotlight:



“ I think our work is very diplomatic in that sense because we have to work within a web of players – users, architects, technical people, maintenance staff – and we have to navigate them somehow.

- Petra Blaisse



Context is so important, not to mimic but to become part of the place. I wanted a building that acknowledges its surroundings.

- Sir David Adjaye



“ I don't think that architecture is only about shelter, is only about a very simple enclosure. It should be able to excite you, to calm you, to make you think.

- Zaha Hadid

This student resource guide was prepared by the staff at Abel Design Group to help create awareness of the professions available within the architecture and interior design industry. For more information, email info@abeldesigngroup.com or visit <http://bit.ly/adgstudentresources>

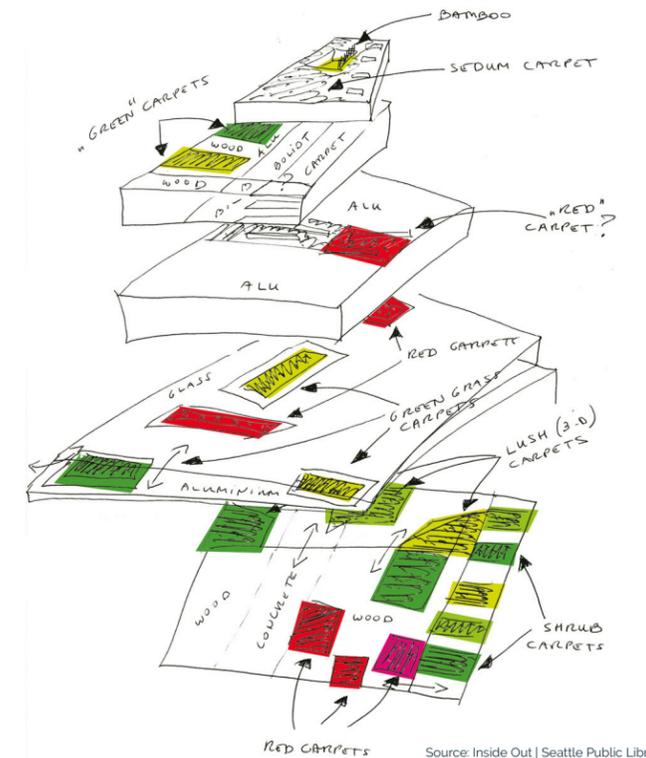


Do You Want to Be an Architect or an Interior Designer?

What is architecture + interior design?

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada defines the practice of **architecture** as:

“The practice of architecture consists of the provision of professional services in connection w/ town planning as well as the design, construction, enlargement, conservation, restoration, or alteration of a building or group of buildings.”



CIDQ defines **interior design** as:

“Interior design encompasses the analysis, planning, design, documentation, + management of interior non-structural/non-seismic construction + alteration projects in compliance w/applicable building design + construction, fire, life-safety, + energy codes, standards, regulations, + guidelines for the purpose of obtaining a building permit, as allowed by law.”



College? Which one!?

There are plenty of schools to choose from.*
Ultimately you want to choose what best fits YOU, however, these are some suggestions to help get your list started:

*It is important that your school's program is accredited (NAAB for architecture + CIDA for interior design) so that it's easier for you to obtain your professional license in the future.

Architecture

- Cornell University
- Rice University
- California Polytechnic State University
- Syracuse University
- Cooper Union
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Pratt Institute
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute + State University
- University of Texas at Austin
- Southern California Institute of Architecture

Source: Architectural Record - Top Architecture Schools of 2019

Interior Design

- Savannah College of Art & Design
- Parsons School of Design
- Cornell University
- New York School of Interior Design
- Syracuse University
- Drexel University
- University of Cincinnati
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Kansas State University
- Auburn University
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute + State University

Source: Architectural Digest - Best Interior Design Schools

Networking

Joining professional organizations can help you build your network, but it can also introduce you to mentors that can help you throughout your career.



Free money!

College is expensive. Here are some scholarships and grants you can apply for prior and during your college studies.*

*Some schools will also automatically award academic scholarships when applying for certain programs, so keep up with your studies!

International Interior Design Association

- IA Interior Architects Diversity in Design Scholarship
- Wilsonart Essay Competition for the IIDA Student Mentoring Program

American Society of Interior Designers

- Scholarships + Grants
- Student Portfolio Competition

American Institute of Architecture Students

- Scholarship + Fellowships

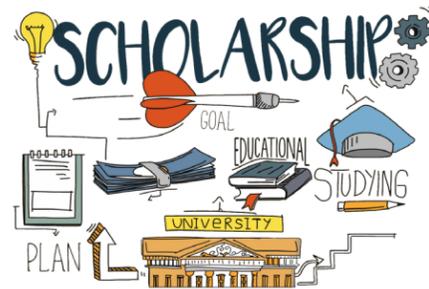
Houzz Scholarship Program

ZGF Scholarships

Gensler Scholarships

SmithGroup Equity, Diversity + Inclusion Scholarship

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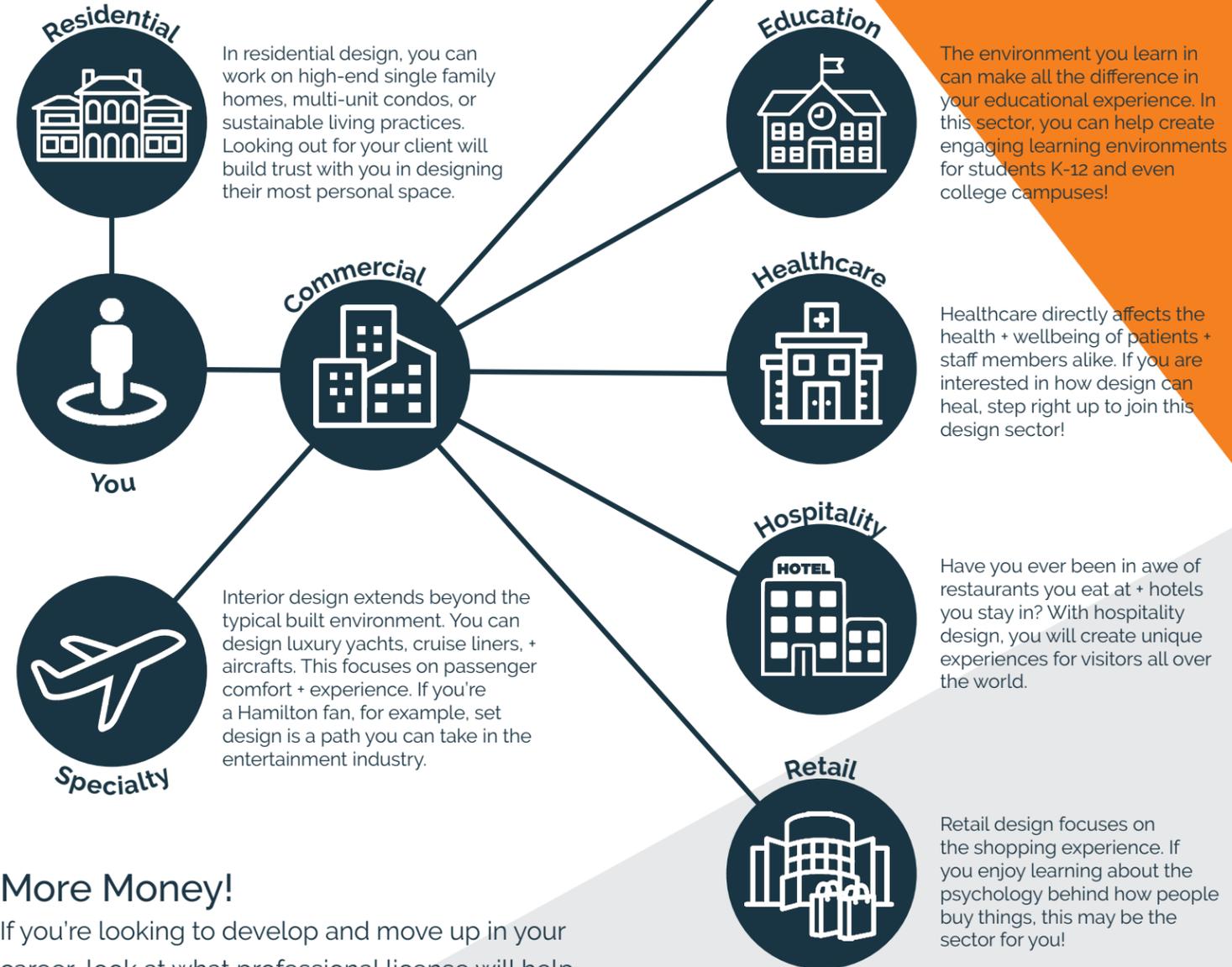
Setting yourself up for success...

The world is your oyster! Architecture/design firms come in all sizes + specializations. Test them out by applying for internships so you can try them on like shoes until you find the best fit!

- Take classes like drafting +/or art
- Research accredited universities
- Start applying for scholarships + grants
- Contact your local design firms to shadow for a day
- Visit a local college + sign up for some workshops
- Start building your portfolio

Oh the places you can go...

So you're interested in getting an architecture/interior design degree. Now what can you do with this degree? Well, luckily for you, there are a lot of choices!



More Money!

If you're looking to develop and move up in your career, look at what professional license will help you get there. Most A&D firms will help provide study material, pay for exam fees, etc. if you want to pursue your professional license.

Architecture



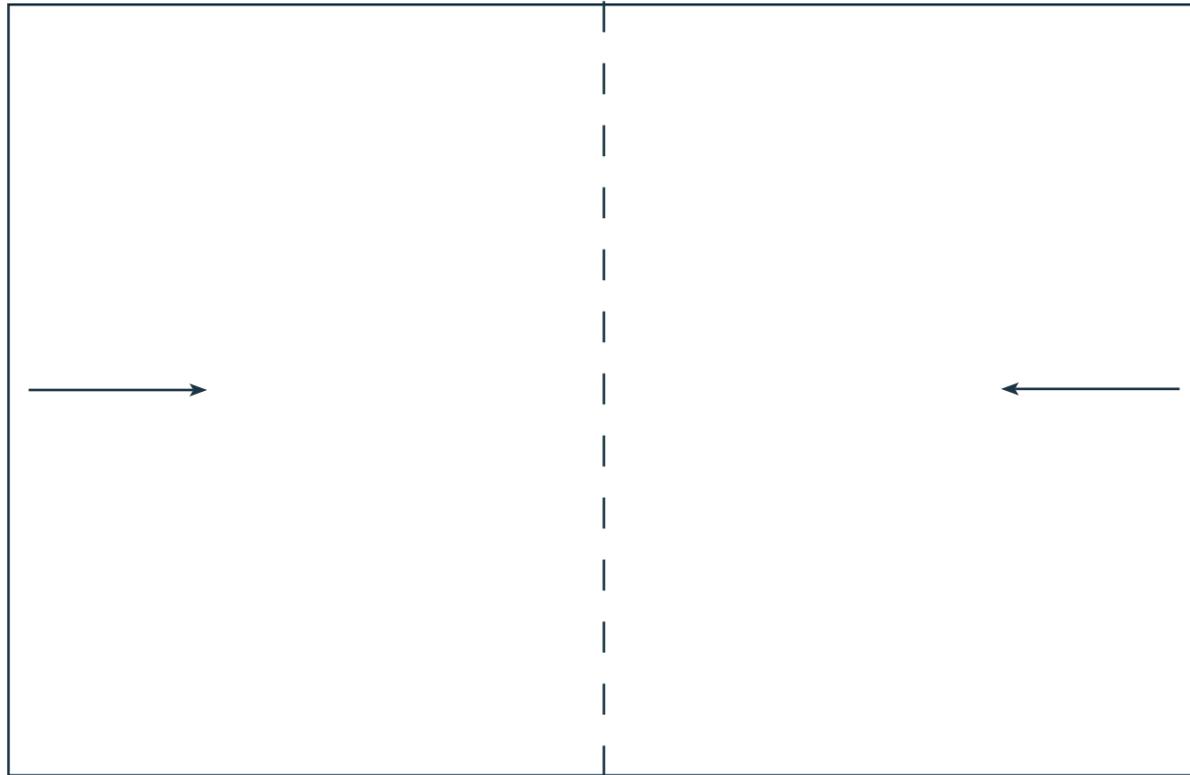
Interior Design



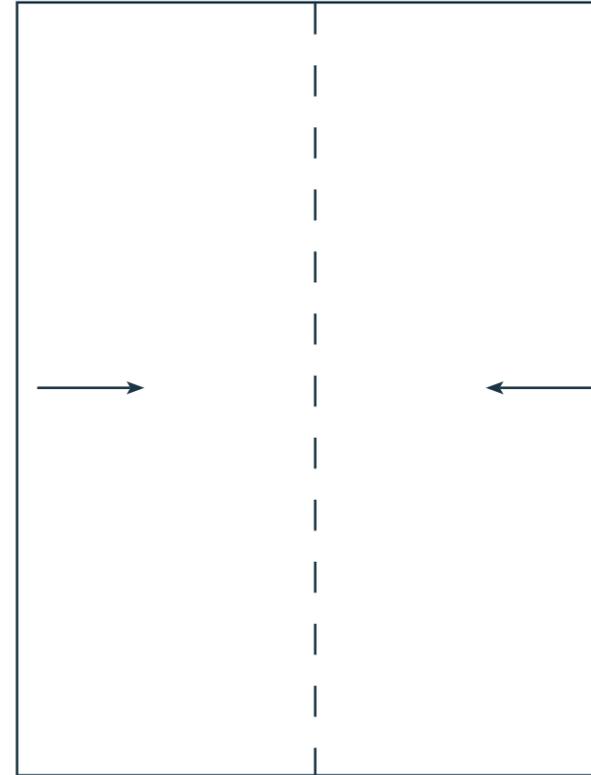
Additional accreditations you can obtain depending on your professional goal:

Making your guide:

Print the guide on 11x17 double-sided then fold in half.



Fold in half again



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