**CIDA Degree**

**Education**
Bachelor's or Master's degree from a CIDA-accredited interior design program.

96 sem/144 qtr credits completed

Up to 1,760 hours of work experience can be earned before education is completed.²

BY END OF YEAR 3
96 sem/144 qtr credits completed

BY END OF YEAR 4
Education completed

**Work Experience**
3,520 hours must be earned after all education is completed.³

Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.

YEAR 1 | YEAR 2 | YEAR 3 | YEAR 4 | YEAR 5 | YEAR 6
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**Interior Design Degree – Non-CIDA**

**Education**
Bachelor's degree (minimum) in an interior design program not accredited by CIDA.¹

Including: No less than 120 semester or 180 quarter credits, of which no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter credits are interior design coursework.

30 sem/45 qtr interior design credits completed

Up to 1,760 hours of qualified work experience can be earned before education is completed.²

BY END OF YEAR 3
30 sem/45 qtr interior design credits completed

BY END OF YEAR 4
Education completed

**Work Experience**
3,520 hours must be earned after all education is completed.³

Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.

YEAR 1 | YEAR 2 | YEAR 3 | YEAR 4 | YEAR 5 | YEAR 6
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**Other Degree + Interior Design Degree**

**Education**
Bachelor's degree (minimum) in any other major and no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter credits of interior design coursework that culminates in a certificate, degree or diploma.

BY END OF YEAR 3
30 sem/45 qtr interior design credits completed

Up to 1,760 hours of qualified work experience can be earned before education is completed.²

BY END OF YEAR 3
30 sem/45 qtr interior design credits completed

BY END OF YEAR 4
Education completed

**Work Experience**
3,520 hours qualified interior design experience.³

Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.

YEAR 1 | YEAR 2 | YEAR 3 | YEAR 4 | YEAR 5 | YEAR 6
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### Associates Degree (60 Hrs) in Interior Design

**Education**
No less than 60 semester or 90 quarter credits of interior design coursework that culminates in a certificate, degree or diploma.

**BY END OF YEAR 3**
Education completed

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**Work Experience**
5,280 hours qualified interior design experience.

Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.

### Associates Degree (40 Hrs) in Interior Design

**Education**
No less than 40 semester or 60 quarter credits of interior design coursework that culminates in a certificate, degree or diploma.

**BY END OF YEAR 2**
Education completed

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**Work Experience**
7,040 hours qualified interior design experience.

Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.

* This route is phasing out on December 31, 2018.

### NAAB or CACB Degree

**Education**
Bachelor’s or Master’s degree from an NAAB or CACB accredited architecture program.

**BY END OF YEAR 5 - 6**
Education completed

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**Work Experience**
5,280 hours qualified interior design experience.

Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.

Do not see a route that matches your background? Please give our offices a call to discuss your options at 202.721.0220

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1 CIDA – the Council for Interior Design Accreditation – was formerly known as FIDER. To qualify, the degree program must have been CIDA-accredited at graduation or must have become CIDA-accredited within two years following graduation.

2 If you receive academic credit for work experience, you cannot count that work toward NCIDQ’s work experience requirement.

3 If you began accruing interior design work experience after January 1, 2008, you must earn qualified work experience in order to be eligible to take the NCIDQ Examination.

4 NAAB – the National Architectural Accrediting Board
CACB – the Canadian Architectural Accrediting Board
To qualify, the degree program must have been accredited at graduation or within two years of graduation.

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