



College to Career Connection

Interior Design

What is Interior Design?

Interior design is all about how we experience spaces. It's a powerful, essential part of our daily lives and affects how we live, work, and play. COC's Interior Design program's goals are to prepare graduates for employment in the current job market and/or for transfer to a four-year institution. An important objective of the program is to consistently offer professional level curriculum that provides graduates with the ability to perform successfully in a variety of occupations as industry demands change and economic conditions fluctuate. Additionally, the comprehensive curriculum for this degree follows CIDA (Council for Interior Design Accreditation) standards to meet the functional and aesthetic needs required by clients for interior environments. Students who complete this A.S. Degree will be eligible to sit for the CID examination upon graduation, an important step towards becoming a Certified Interior Designer.

[COC - Interior Design Associate in Science](#) - will not transfer to a 4 year university

[COC -Interior Design Certificate of Achievement](#) - will not transfer to a 4 year university

Interior Decorating and Merchandising certificate prepares students to become interior decorators whose primary industry employment will be in retail furniture sales and retail display design.

[COC - Interior Decorating - Merchandising Certificate of Achievement](#) - will not transfer to a 4 year university

Home Staging Certificate of Specialization appeals to re-entry students, interior decorators/designers, set decorators, and real estate agents.

[COC - Interior Design - Home Staging Certificate of Specialization](#) - will not transfer to a 4 year university

[COC - Interior Design- Set Decorator for TV and Film Certificate of Specialization](#) - will not transfer to a 4 year university

Potential Industries/Employers

- Private interior design firms
- Design firms
- Architecture firms
- Design divisions of corporations/institutions
- Carpet manufacturers
- Furniture and home stores
- Federal government departments
- Real-Estate companies

Possible Job Titles

- Home Stager
- Facility Space Manager
- Kitchen and Bath Designers
- Design Project Manager

- Interior Design Assistant
- Acoustician
- Interior Architect
- Space Planner
- Industrial Designer

How this Major Helps You Move Forward:

Skills Advancement

While College of the Canyons does not endorse all of these opportunities, we aim to provide access:

- [Internships and COC Career Center](#)
- [Lynda.com Courses](#)
- [International Interior Design Association \(IIDA\) Competitions](#)
- [American Society of Interior Designers \(ASID\) Scholarships & Grants](#)

CSU/UC Major Preparation (BA/BS):

- [CSUN: Family and Consumer Sciences B.S. Interior Design Option](#)
- [UCD: Design A.B.](#)
- [CSULB: Interior Design](#)
- [SFSU: Interior Design B.S.](#)
- ... and more!

Additional information can be found at:

- [What Can I do With this Major](#)
- [COC Interior Design Department](#)
- [Assist: Student Transfer Information System](#)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- [O*NET OnLine: Job and Career Exploration](#)
- [Linkedin Alumni Tool](#)
- [Candid Career Videos](#)

Associations

Association is a group of people who come together for a common purpose. You can find helpful information about jobs and careers.

- [American Society of Interior Designers \(ASID\)](#)
- [Dexigner](#)
- [International Furnishings & Design Association \(IFDA\)](#)
- [National Art Materials Trade Association](#)
- [National Kitchen & Bath Association \(NKBA\)](#)

This is a general information. It is not an exhaustive, comprehensive list. For specific information on majors and careers please connect with your professors and visit the counseling center at <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling> | 3/26/21