

Career Profile

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Directions: Using the Career Cruising website and other internet sites to discover your personal interests, career choices, and educational options. The purpose of this activity is to:

1. Provide aware of the many career opportunities related to design and technical drawing skills.
2. Provide aware of the many educational requirements and skills needed to be successful in a career related to design and technical drawing.

www.careercruising.com

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Step #1: Create a profile

Step #2: Complete the “Career Matchmaker” assessment →

Step #3: Explore one of the suggested careers or see how other careers match up with your answers.

What were 3 of the suggested careers you explored?

1. Interior Designer
2. Addictions Counselor
3. Bioethicists

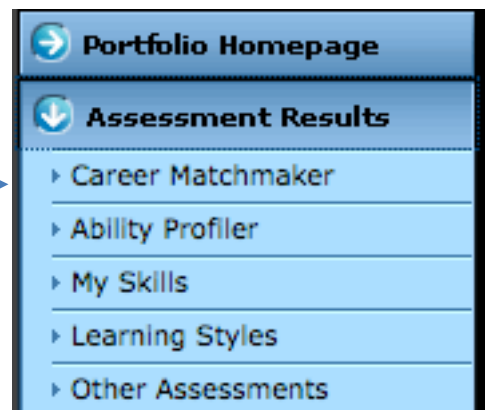
Explore a career that relates to this course (ie. Architect, aerospace, mechanical engineer, etc.) that interests you. What are 2 interesting facts that you learned about this career?

The majority of interior designers take on both residential and commercial projects, but tend to favor one or the other. Most also specialize in a particular area. For instance, they might work primarily on designing for homes, offices, hotels, restaurants, entertainment venues, retail stores, or institutions.

Choose 1 career of your choice: Interior Design

What are the job responsibilities for this career?

Designers are often hired by people who want to redo their living rooms, kitchens, bedrooms, or bathrooms, but that’s not all they do. Restaurants, banks, business offices, and doctors’ offices are other examples of spaces interior designers transform. Even automobile and aircraft manufacturers rely on designers’ skills to make the



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most of limited spaces. Interior designers start by consulting with their clients about their needs and vision for the design project. Designers get a sense of their clients' taste, lifestyle, and budget during this interview process.

What educational background or training or experience is needed for this career?

Interior designers usually need a college degree. While it is possible to earn an associate degree in this field, many employers require at least a bachelor's degree. The final step to becoming a licensed or certified interior designer is to write an exam. This exam is administered twice a year by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ).

What levels of advancement are available to a person in this career?

LEVEL 1	Junior Designer
EARNINGS	\$27,000 to \$40,000 a year
REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College degree in interior design
RESPONSIBILITIES	Working under the supervision of an experienced interior designer; selecting and ordering paints, fabrics, finishes, and furnishings.

LEVEL 2	Designer
EARNINGS	\$40,000 to \$60,000 a year
REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 years combined education and work experience • Completion of the NCIDQ exam, if required • Licensed or certified by your state, if required
RESPONSIBILITIES	Dealing with clients; producing estimates or budgets; project management; supervising staff members.

LEVEL 3	Senior or Self-Employed Designer
EARNINGS	\$55,000 to \$83,000 a year
REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 or more years of experience • Management experience • Established client contacts
RESPONSIBILITIES	Dealing with clients; developing new business; managing projects; supervising junior designers and staff members.

What is the salary range for this career?

Starting- \$34,800 Average- \$45,540 Top- \$62,650

Step #4: Using the “Schools that Interest Me” complete the survey. →

What were 3 universities/colleges that matched your career interest?

1. [Iowa State University](#)
2. [California State University, Long Beach](#)
3. [Eastern Michigan University](#)



Using the Career Cruising website and other online sites, choose 1 university/college to explore: [Iowa State University](#)

What are the graduation requirements for the major/degree you chose?

[4-year degree, about 120 hours of class.](#)

What are the costs involved with the major/degree you chose?

Tuition & Fees [\\$19,357](#)

Room & Board [\\$7,622](#) Books [\\$1,044](#)

Name at least 3 services, programs, or activities that this college/university offers that would support your pursuit for your degree in your chosen career.

1. [Study Abroad in Rome](#)
2. [Accreditation by CIDA \(Council for Interior Design Accreditation\)](#)
3. [Graduate programs: Master of Fine Arts \(MFA\) in Interior Design, Master of Arts \(MA\) in Art and Design with a specialization in Interior Design, First-professional Master of Arts \(MA\) in Art and Design with a specialization in Interior Design](#)