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Becoming an Architect

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Do you like to draw? // Do you enjoy being creative? // Are you a problem solver? // Do you enjoy collaborating with others?

Education

// In high school, explore your options in creative fields. Focus your time on art & design courses, rather than drafting courses. Math, science, & history are also key subjects in architecture education.

// Begin your collegiate search by discovering more about the diverse number of accredited architecture programs available across the United States. Learn more at www.naab.org.

// Attend a discovery summer program at a university to determine if architecture is right for you.

// There are several degree types available: A professional degree from a university with an accredited architecture program will be required to become licensed.

A foundation in the arts & interest in math, history, & the sciences are the perfect start to becoming an architect.

Experience

// You can begin gaining professional experience with enrollment in a degree program or your first internship working under a registered architect.

// In most states, NCARB's Intern Development Program (IDP) is required for licensure. Learn more at www.ncarb.org.

// Approximately three years of internship experience is required.

Your local AIA Component can connect you with a local architect mentor!

Exam

// The Architect Registration Examination (ARE®) is required to practice architecture.

// The ARE® demonstrates competency to practice architecture & protects the public's health, safety, & welfare.

Learn more about designing your future and start planning for a Career in Architecture!

www.aia.org/professionals/careers