Careers in the Licensed Professions

Architect

Architects provide services related to the design and construction of buildings and the spaces around them, to safeguard life, health, safety, property, and the public welfare. Examples of architectural services include:

- consultation with clients
- schematic designs and preliminary studies
- design development
- construction documents
- planning and evaluation
- bidding of the project
- administration of construction contracts
- construction management

Education and Experience

"Units of credit" toward an architect's license are based on your education and experience. You will need 12 units of combined education and experience for licensure. Your experience requirement will depend on the units granted for your education; generally, at least 3 years of architectural work experience and completion of the Architectural Experience Program™ will be required. Almost 97% of New York's architects have at least a bachelor's degree. Visit the Office of the Professions for a listing of all options and requirements.

Examination

Architecture Registration Examination® developed by the National Council of Architecture Registration Boards.

Salary and Projected Growth
- Salary range: $45,000 (intern architects) - $200,000+ (principal at large firm)
- Projected growth (NY): average

Where Could I Work?
- Architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, and interior design firms
- Construction
- Real Estate Development
- Government
- Self-employment

Academic Skills
- Design creativity
- Creative thinking
- Mathematics and Art
- Analysis

Professional Skills
- Creativity
- Emotional intelligence
- Analytical thinking
- Problem solving
- Attention to detail
- Initiative and Integrity

What Interests You?
Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at mynextmove.org/explore/ip

Tip: try searching for mentoring programs—look up the ACE Mentoring program or AIA chapter in your area and talk to an architect about what they do and how they got started!