



Certified Interior Designer

Certified Interior Designers plan, design, supervise, and consult on interior spaces. This includes non-structural elements such as interior layouts, furnishings and fixtures, and cabinetry, lighting and finishes. These professionals also incorporate construction, fire, safety and accessibility standards into their work. Examples of services:

- schematic design and development
- space planning and complete design specifications
- project monitoring and post-occupancy review

Education and Experience

“Units of credit” toward an interior design license are based on the type of education and experience you have. You will need 7 credits of combined education and experience for licensure. Your experience requirement will depend on the units granted for your education; at least 2 years of interior design work experience will be required. Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.

Examination

All three sections of the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) Examination

Video



Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$49,810 in the U.S., \$60,960 in NY
- Salary range: \$38,000-\$80,900
- Projected growth: average

Where Could I Work?

- Architecture and Design firms – residential, commercial, and institutional
- Retail stores
- Self-employed

Your Interests and Abilities

- Technical drawing
- Art and design
- Analysis

Professional Skills

- Attention to detail
- Initiative
- Adaptability
- Communication
- Creativity

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—talk to an interior designer about what they do and how they got started!