



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

“Credits” 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 credits granted for your education; at least 2 years of interior design work experience (2 credits) will be required.

Examination

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

Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$65,440 in NY
- Salary range: \$40,730 - \$92,160;
Projected growth: below 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