

Interior Design

The Interior Design curriculum is designed to prepare students for a variety of job opportunities in residential and non-residential interior design. The focus of the studies is technical knowledge, professional practices, and aesthetic principles.

Curriculum content includes residential and non-residential interior design, architectural drafting, computer-aided design, and universal design. Also included are basic design, history of interiors and furnishings, color theory, products, business practices, graphic presentations, and general education courses.

Graduates should qualify for various jobs, including residential and commercial interior design, set design, showroom design, and sales positions for furniture, textiles, and accessories and all businesses dealing with interiors.

General Information

Increasingly, our interior living and working spaces are being developed for a more sophisticated society. The Interior Design program at Central Piedmont prepares students to design today's interior spaces and tomorrow using the best of today's technology.

For specific information about potential positions and wages in interior design employment, visit the Central Piedmont Career Coach website.

Interior Design (A30220)

Degree Awarded

The Associate in Applied Science Degree - Interior Design is awarded by the College upon completing this program.

Admissions

- A high school diploma or equivalent is required. GED High School Equivalency and High School Diploma classes are available at Central Piedmont.
- Central Piedmont placement tests are required in English and mathematics. Developmental Studies in mathematics and English courses are available for students to build basic skills and knowledge.
- A counseling/orientation appointment follows placement testing.
- Contact the Program chair to enter the Interior Design program.
- Many courses have prerequisites or co-requisites; check the Courses section for details.

Contact Information

For more information, call the Interior Design Department at 704.330.6548, or visit the Interior Design Program website.

General Education Requirements

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
PSY 150	General Psychology	3.0
Take one of the following:		3.0
ENG 112	Writing and Research in the Disciplines	
ENG 113	Literature-Based Research	
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting	
COM 110	Introduction to Communication (Take one of the following)	

COM 231	Public Speaking	
Take one of the following		3.0
MAT 110	Mathematical Measurement and Literacy	
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	
MAT 152	Statistical Methods I	
MAT 171	Precalculus Algebra	
Take 1 course:		3.0
ART 114	Art History Survey I	
ART 115	Art History Survey II	
Major Requirements		
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
DES 110	Architectural Graphics	2.0
DES 112	Building and Construction Systems	3.0
DES 120	CAD for Interior Design	2.0
DES 125	Visual Presentation I	2.0
DES 130	Digital Applications and Interior Design	3.0
DES 135	Principles and Elements of Design I	4.0
DES 210	Professional Practices for Interior Design	2.0
DES 220	Interior Design Fundamentals	3.0
DES 225	Textiles for Interiors	3.0
DES 230	Residential Design I	3.0
DES 231	Residential Design II	3.0
DES 235	Products	3.0
DES 240	Commercial and Contract Design I	3.0
DES 241	Commercial/Contract Design II	3.0
DES 255	History of Interiors and Furnishings I	3.0
DES 275	Furniture Design & Construction	3.0
DES 280	Codes and Standards/Interior Design	3.0
Technical Electives		
Select 4 credits of the following:		4.0
DES 115	Color Theory	
DES 121	CAD for Interior Design/Advanced	
DES 242	Kitchen and Bath Design	
DES 265	Lighting/Interior Design	
SST 140	Green Building and Design Concepts	
ARC 112	Construction Materials & Methods	
ARC 225	Architectural Building Information Modeling I	
WBL 111	Work-Based Learning I	
WBL 112	Work-Based Learning I	
DES 243	Advanced Kitchen and Bath Design	
Total Credits		68

Interior Design Diplomas (D30220)

- Residential Interior Decoration Diploma and Home Staging (D30220-D2) (p. 1)
- Kitchen and Bath Design Diploma (D30220-D3) (p. 2)

Residential Interior Decoration Diploma and Home Staging (D30220D2)

The Residential Interior Decoration and Home Staging Diploma is designed to prepare students for various job opportunities in the field of residential interior decorating. The focus of the studies is technical knowledge, professional practices, and aesthetic principles.

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Curriculum content includes residential interior design, architectural drafting, and computer-aided drafting/design. Also included are basic design elements, history of interiors and furnishings, color theory, graphic presentation, business practices, and general education courses.

Graduates should qualify for various jobs, including residential interior design, set design, showroom design, and sales positions for furniture, textiles, and accessories.

Careful planning should allow students to complete the diploma in three full-time semesters or six to seven part-time semesters.

For more information, please visit the Interior Design Program website.

General Education Requirements

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
Choose one of the following		3.0
MAT 110	Mathematical Measurement and Literacy	
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	
MAT 152	Statistical Methods I	
MAT 171	Precalculus Algebra	
MAT 271	Calculus I	

Major Requirements

DES 110	Architectural Graphics	2.0
DES 120	CAD for Interior Design	2.0
DES 112	Building and Construction Systems	3.0
DES 125	Visual Presentation I	2.0
DES 130	Digital Applications and Interior Design	3.0
DES 210	Professional Practices for Interior Design	2.0
DES 220	Interior Design Fundamentals	3.0
DES 225	Textiles for Interiors	3.0
DES 255	History of Interiors and Furnishings I	3.0
DES 230	Residential Design I	3.0
ART 115	Art History Survey II	3.0
or ART 114	Art History Survey I	
Select 3 credits from the following courses:		3.0
DES 115	Color Theory	
DES 135	Principles and Elements of Design I	
DES 121	CAD for Interior Design/Advanced	
DES 235	Products	
DES 242	Kitchen and Bath Design	
DES 265	Lighting/Interior Design	
DES 275	Furniture Design & Construction	
WBL 111	Work-Based Learning I	

Total Credits 38

Kitchen and Bath Design Diploma (D30220-D3)

The Diploma in Kitchen and Bath Design equips students with the knowledge, skills, and competence needed for working in this specialized design area. Coursework includes design basics; both computer-aided and manual drafting techniques; 3D computer modeling; kitchen and bath materials, products, and business practices.

Graduates should qualify for jobs with businesses that specialize in or relate to the design, sales, and installation of residential kitchens and baths.

General Education Requirements

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
Take one course		3.0
COM 110	Introduction to Communication	
COM 231	Public Speaking	
Take one course		3.0
MAT 110	Mathematical Measurement and Literacy	
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	
MAT 152	Statistical Methods I	
MAT 171	Precalculus Algebra	
MAT 271	Calculus I	

Major Requirements

DES 110	Architectural Graphics	2.0
DES 112	Building and Construction Systems	3.0
DES 125	Visual Presentation I	2.0
DES 120	CAD for Interior Design	2.0
DES 130	Digital Applications and Interior Design	3.0
DES 210	Professional Practices for Interior Design	2.0
DES 220	Interior Design Fundamentals	3.0
DES 235	Products	3.0
DES 255	History of Interiors and Furnishings I	3.0
DES 242	Kitchen and Bath Design	3.0
WBL 111	Work-Based Learning I	1.0
DES 243	Advanced Kitchen and Bath Design	3.0

Total Credits 39

Interior Design Certificates (C30220)

Interior Design Certificate Specialization in Introduction to Interior Design (C30220-C1)

This certificate is available only to high school students enrolled in Career and College Promise.

Major Requirements

DES 110	Architectural Graphics	2.0
DES 125	Visual Presentation I	2.0
DES 135	Principles and Elements of Design I	4.0
DES 225	Textiles for Interiors	3.0
DES 255	History of Interiors and Furnishings I	3.0

Total Credits 14

Interior Design Certificate Specialization in Professional Interior Design (C30220-C2)

Note: This course is intended for graduates of the AAS degree in Interior Design in order to acquire minimum number of credits to take the CIDQ exam.

Major Requirement

DES 220	Interior Design Fundamentals	3.0
Take 9 credits of the following:		9.0
DES 115	Color Theory	
DES 121	CAD for Interior Design/Advanced	
DES 242	Kitchen and Bath Design	
DES 243	Advanced Kitchen and Bath Design	

DES 265	Lighting/Interior Design
ARC 225	Architectural Building Information Modeling I
ARC 226	Architectural Building Information Modeling II
ARC 250	Survey of Architecture
WBL 111	Work-Based Learning I
WBL 112	Work-Based Learning I

Technical Elective	2.0-3.0
Credits	13-14
Total Credits	68-70

Total Credits **12**

Interior Design Suggested Course Sequence

The following is the suggested plan for when to take each course to complete the Associate in Applied Science degree, based on the program requirements of the 2024-2025 catalog. This is only a recommendation — you may take courses in another order upon consultation with your advisor. This plan is based on you starting with college-level math and English courses, starting your program in the fall, and attending full-time. You can also follow this sequence if you attend part-time. Speak with your academic advisor about the plan and any questions. This program might also offer diplomas or certificates; visit the catalog or contact the program for details. Visit the Academic Advising page for instructions on locating your assigned advisor: <https://www.cpcc.edu/academics/academic-advising>

Term I		Credits
DES 110	Architectural Graphics	2.0
DES 125	Visual Presentation I	2.0
DES 130	Digital Applications and Interior Design	3.0
DES 235	Products	3.0
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
Credits		14

Term II		Credits
DES 135	Principles and Elements of Design I	4.0
DES 220	Interior Design Fundamentals	3.0
DES 255	History of Interiors and Furnishings I	3.0
DES 112	Building and Construction Systems	3.0
DES 120	CAD for Interior Design	2.0
ART 115 or ART 114	Art History Survey II or Art History Survey I	3.0
Credits		18

Term III		Credits
MAT 110	Mathematical Measurement and Literacy	3.0
PSY 150	General Psychology	3.0
Credits		6

Term IV		Credits
DES 230	Residential Design I	3.0
DES 240	Commercial and Contract Design I	3.0
DES 225	Textiles for Interiors	3.0
DES 280	Codes and Standards/Interior Design	3.0
ENG 114 or COM 110 or COM 231	Professional Research & Reporting or Introduction to Communication or Public Speaking	3.0
Technical Elective		2.0-3.0

You may have completed program certificate C30220-C1. Confirm eligibility with your academic advisor.

Credits **17-18**

Term V		Credits
DES 210	Professional Practices for Interior Design	2.0
DES 231	Residential Design II	3.0
DES 241	Commercial/Contract Design II	3.0
DES 275	Furniture Design & Construction	3.0