**CIDA Degree**

**Education**
Bachelor’s or Master’s degree from a CIDA-accredited interior design program.

By end of Year 3
96 sem/144 qtr credits completed

**Work Experience**
Up to 1,760 hours of work experience can be earned before education is completed.

By end of Year 4
Education completed

By end of Year 4
Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.

**Interior Design Degree — Non-CIDA**

**Education**
Bachelor’s degree (minimum) in an interior design program not accredited by CIDA.

Including: No less than 120 semester or 180 quarter credits, of which no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter credits are interior design coursework.

By end of Year 3
96 sem/144 qtr credits completed

**Work Experience**
Up to 1,760 hours of qualified work experience can be earned before education is completed.

By end of Year 4
Education completed

By end of Year 4
Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.

**Other Degree + Interior Design Degree**

**Education**
Bachelor's degree (minimum) in any other major and no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter credits of interior design coursework that culminates in a certificate, degree or diploma.

By end of Year 3
30 sem/45 qtr interior design credits completed

**Work Experience**
Up to 1,760 hours of qualified work experience can be earned before education is completed.

By end of Year 4
Education completed

By end of Year 4
Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.

**Associates Degree (60 Hrs) in Interior Design**

**Education**
No less than 60 semester or 90 quarter credits of interior design coursework that culminates in a certificate, degree or diploma.

By end of Year 3
Education completed

**Work Experience**
5,280 hours qualified interior design experience.

Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.

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## Associates Degree (40 Hrs) in Interior Design

**Education**  
No less than 40 semester or 60 quarter credits of interior design coursework that culminates in a certificate, degree or diploma.  
**BY END OF YEAR 2**  
Education completed

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**Work Experience**  
7,040 hours qualified interior design experience.  
Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.

*This route is phasing out on December 31, 2018*

## NAAB or CACB Degree

**Education**  
Bachelor’s or Master’s degree from an NAAB or CACB accredited architecture program.  
**BY END OF YEAR 5 - 6**  
Education completed

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**Work Experience**  
5,280 hours qualified interior design experience.  
Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.

## Architecture Degree – Non-NAAB or CACB

**Education**  
Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts in Architecture  
**BY END OF YEAR 4**  
Education completed

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**Work Experience**  
7,040 hours qualified interior design experience.  
Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.

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1. CIDA – the Council for Interior Design Accreditation – was formerly known as FIDER. To qualify, the degree program must have been CIDA-accredited at graduation or must have become CIDA-accredited within two years following graduation.
2. If you began accruing interior design work experience after January 1, 2008, you must earn qualified work experience in order to be eligible to take the NCIDQ Examination.
3. NAAB – the National Architectural Accrediting Board  
   CACB – the Canadian Architectural Accrediting Board  
To qualify, the degree program must have been accredited at graduation or within two years of graduation.

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