

NCIDQ-CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS: HIGHLY QUALIFIED DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

THE INTERIOR DESIGN PROFESSION:

82%
of firms have four
or fewer employees

75%
female
practitioners

✗ FALSE STATEMENT: *NCIDQ-certified Interior Designers do not have the education, experience, and testing to provide health, safety, and welfare-related interior design services.*

✓ TRUE STATEMENT: **NCIDQ-Certified Interior Designers (CIDs) undergo formal education, thousands of hours of paid, supervised experience, and an internationally-recognized, eleven-hour certification exam to prepare for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public in practice. CIDs are eminently qualified to independently design non-loadbearing, non-seismic, and non-structural interior design elements in code-regulated spaces.**

Certified Interior Designers Who Pass the NCIDQ Exam are Prepared to Protect the Health, Safety, and Welfare of the Client and Public in Practice. The National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) certification exam consists of three parts over eleven hours and covers, among other subjects, the seven major aspects of the commercial interior design field:

- Building Systems
- Regulation, Building & Safety Codes, & Accessibility Standards
- Contract Documents & Administration
- Construction Standards
- Design Application
- Professionalism in Practice
- Project Coordination

To complete the test, one must finish two multiple choice sections. The third section is a practicum in which the examinee is asked to synthesize and apply a variety of information in order to derive the appropriate design solution.

EXAMINATION

**Interior Design
Fundamental Exam (IDFX)**
125 Questions | 3 Hours to Complete



EXAM SUBJECTS:

- Construction Drawings and Specification
- Technical Drawing Conventions
- Programming and Site Analysis
- Furniture, Finishes, Equipment, and Lighting
- Building Systems and Construction
- Human Behavior and the Design Environment
- Design Communication

**Interior Design
Professional Exam (IDPX)**
175 Questions | 4 Hours to Complete



EXAM SUBJECTS:

- Professional Business Practice
- Building Systems and Integration
- Contract Administration
- Project Coordination
- Contract Documents
- Product and Materials Coordination
- Codes and Standards

**Practicum Exam
(PRAC 2.0)**
120 Questions | 4 Hours to Complete



EXAM SUBJECTS:

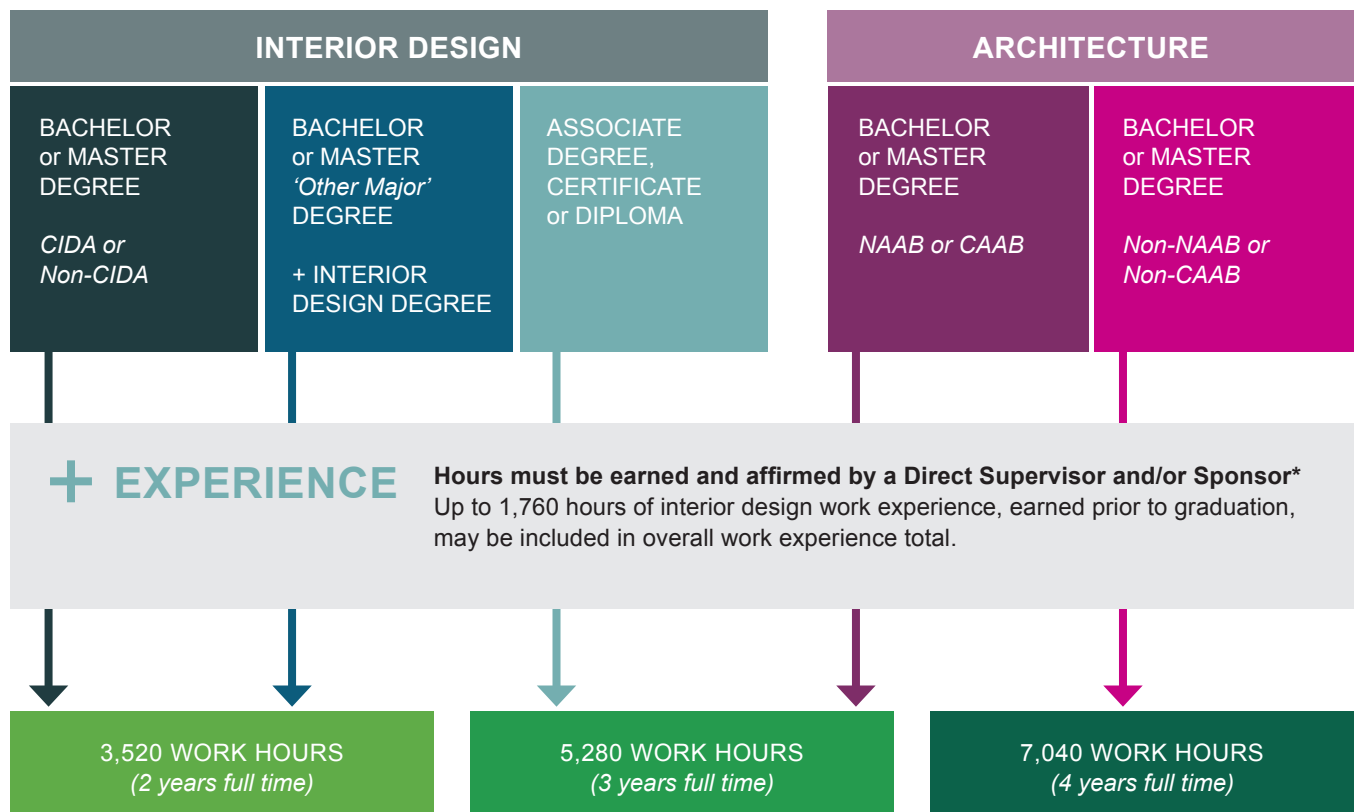
- Programming and Site Analysis
- Codes and Standards
- Building Systems and Integration
- Contract Documents

NCIDQ Examination Eligibility Paths

Specific education and work experience requirements exist to be eligible to sit for the NCIDQ Examination.

✓ EDUCATION

Official education transcripts must include a minimum of 60 semester or 90 credit hours of post-secondary interior design coursework that encompasses a certificate, degree, or diploma from an accredited institution, for an application to be reviewed.



*WHO CAN BE A DIRECT SUPERVISOR AND/OR SPONSOR?

A direct supervisor and/or sponsor must be a design professional, defined as someone who meets at least one of the following three criteria:

- NCIDQ Certified Interior Designer
- State/Provincial Licensed/Registered/Certified Interior Designer in the US or Canada
- State/Provincial Licensed/Registered Architect in the US or Canada who provides interior design services

A **Direct Supervisor** is a design professional, as defined above, who provides substantial oversight and control of a candidate's work and possesses detailed knowledge of the tasks performed.

A **Sponsor** is a design professional, as defined above, who agrees to review a candidate's professional progress and affirm interior design work experience hours. A sponsor may or may not work within the same firm as the candidate.

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