

Community College of Philadelphia

Interior Design

Design Your Dream Career

Do you walk into a room and imagine how you would change it? Do you enjoy sketching and working with colors and fabrics? Consider a career in interior design. Through this versatile program, you can prepare to pursue a bachelor's degree in Interior Design, take courses to explore the field or focus on portfolio development.

The Interior Design program features the latest professional software and computer availability.

Interior designers shape the way buildings and houses look on the inside. As an interior designer, you:

- help plan building layouts
- choose style and color palette
- select furniture, floor and window coverings
- determine the lighting scheme

You often work with architects and building contractors as a vital part of the design construction team.

The Interior Design program combines a liberal arts foundation with these specialized features:

- a studio design course each semester
- classes in all of the types of drawing used in this field
- emphasis on meeting professional standards
- guidance in showcasing abilities with a portfolio or Web site
- experienced, supportive faculty

The program features top-of-the-line professional software and computer availability rarely found in college programs in this region.

Career Paths

Graduates of the Interior Design program who transfer and earn a bachelor's degree in Interior Design can work in many interesting settings. They may include:

- interior design firms
- office design firms
- self-employment
- manufacturers' representative

Interior designers are involved in almost every setting—from airport terminals and restaurants to private residences.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor's *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2006-07 Edition*, "Employers increasingly prefer interior designers who are familiar with CAD (computer-assisted-design) software. Interior designers also need to know the basics of architecture and engineering in order to ensure that the designs meet building safety codes."



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The Interior Design Program

Interior Design students take their core courses with students in the Construction Management, CAD and Architecture programs. In this interdisciplinary learning community, each student easily explores the fields that interrelate closely with his or her specialization. Students gain valuable insights for use in career decision-making and on the job. This program in interior design is the only one in the region where students learn alongside their counterparts in three related fields.

Lectures by experts and faculty guided trips to see interior design showrooms and building interiors further enrich the program.

The A.A. in Interior Design offers the opportunity to learn:

- design styles from traditional to the present
- guidelines for using lighting and color
- freehand, digital, technical and presentation drawing
- design of space, color and texture
- design techniques for implementing a client's wishes
- legal and ethical considerations
- methods of conveying ideas to clients and colleagues

The Interior Design program is ideal for students interested in transferring to a professional degree program. The College has transfer agreements with area institutions, including Drexel University, Philadelphia University and Moore College of Art, allowing for a seamless transfer.

College Information

Visit the College Web site at www.ccp.edu to find out about:

Academic Programs

www.ccp.edu/site/academic/

Admissions Process

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/admissions_process.php

Transfer Agreements

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/transfer_agreements/

Financial Aid

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/financial_aid/

Scholarships and Awards

www.ccp.edu/site/current/scholarships/

College Life

www.ccp.edu/site/current/student_life/

Directions to the College

www.ccp.edu/site/locations/main.php

Areas of Study

This curriculum includes courses in Design Studio, Computer-Aided Design, Color Theory and Interior Detailing and Architecture and Interiors History.

Admission to the College

We accept students on an open enrollment basis, meaning that applications are accepted at all times of the year. For registration information, call **215-751-8010** or e-mail **admissions@ccp.edu**.

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