

What to do with a major/certificate/degree in... Interior Design

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Degrees/Certificates Available at JCCC

Associate of Applied Science, Interior Design
Associate of Applied Science, Interior Entrepreneurship
Associate of Applied Science, Interior Merchandising
Interior Design Advanced Certificate
Interior Design & Merchandising Entrepreneurship Certificate
Interior Design Retail Sales/Manufacturers Representative Certificate
Interior Products Sales Representative Certificate
Transfer Program

JCCC Program Web site

<http://www.jccc.edu/home/depts/1223>

Overview of JCCC's Program

Three associate of applied science degree options - interior design, interior merchandising and interior entrepreneurship - offer design, retail and business proprietorship skills.

Job Titles*

Antiques Specialist	Kitchen and Bath Designer
Architectural Delineator	Lighting Consultant
Color Consultant	Manufacturer's Representative
Commercial Interior Designer	Photo-Stylist
Contract Designer	Residential Interior Designer
Design Assistant	Retail Sales
Design Consultant	Retail Store Designer
Design Journalist	Scenic Designer
Environmental Designer	Showroom Manager/Sales
Facility Analyst	Space Planner
Facility Planner	Textile Designer
Faux Finish Painter	Upholstery Workroom
Floor-Covering Designer	Wall-Covering Designer
Floral Designer	Wall Paper Hanger
Furniture Designer	Window-Display Designer
Interior Decorator	Window Treatment Workroom
Interior Renderer	Writer

**Careers mentioned above are a sample of job titles. Some careers may require additional education or training.*

Personal Characteristics to be Successful

Analytical
Artistic
Communicative
Coordinated
Creative
Decision maker
Detail oriented
Efficient
Energetic
Enthusiastic

Expressive
Imaginative
Organized
Original
Patient
Problem-Solver
Self-Motivated
Self-Starter
Team Oriented

Workplace Skills

Advise clients on architectural requirements and space planning
Combine, evaluate and analyze information
Create formal designs
Decorate and furnish interiors
Design interiors of residential and commercial structures
Draft and specify technical devices
Draw and sketch well
Establish and maintain relationships
Estimate costs
Good Listener-Listening skills
Math Skills

Originate, invent, design, or create new applications and ideas
Oversee the execution and installation of the project
People Skills
Presentation Skills
Recognize proper color, proportion, balance
Select furniture, fabrics, wall and floor coverings, accessories, and art elements
Supervise construction
Supervise the coordination of colors and materials
Utilize architect's plans
Visualize and imagine the final picture

Professional Organizations

American Society of Interior Designers
www.asid.org

International Interior Design Association
www.iida.org

National Kitchen and Bath Association
www.nkba.org

Foundation for Interior Design Education Research
www.accredit-id.org

Advanced Degrees in the Major?

Yes

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