

Careers

An interior designer coordinates all elements of design to create safe, functional, and aesthetic spaces. They plan the space and furnish the interiors of private homes, public buildings, and business or institutional facilities, such as offices, restaurants, retail establishments, hospitals, hotels, and theaters. They prepare drawings and specifications for non-load bearing interior construction, furnishings, lighting, and finishes. Increasingly, designers use computers to plan layouts.

Entry-level positions include consultant designer, showroom manager, and design assistant.

Salary

In 2006, median annual salaries for junior interior designers in the D.C. metro area was \$36,973, and \$72,165 for senior designers.

Job Outlook

Overall, the employment of interior designers is expected to grow through 2014, due to rising demand for professional design of private homes, offices, restaurants, retail establishments, and institutions.

Education & Training Options

Montgomery College offers an associate of applied science degree (A.A.S.), and associate of applied science NKBA track degree, an associate of arts (A.A.), and three certificate options.

■ Degree

The interior design preprofessional A.A. program offers beginning college-level courses for continued study toward an advanced degree, including general studies courses, interior design foundations, fundamental design, drawing, color, space planning, finish treatments, and professional business practices. Technical development includes basic knowledge of drafting, historical topics, and presentation techniques for interior designers.

The interior design preprofessional A.A.S. program prepares students for entry-level positions in the interior design and related professions.

The A.A.S. NKBA track program prepares students for entry-level positions in kitchen and bath design and allows graduates to immediately sit for the first NKBA exam, the AKBD, without the usually required two years of work experience.

■ Certificate

Three certificate curricula are available:

(1) introductory interior design—provides new skills for individuals with no previous interior design experience.

(2) advanced interior design—provides new skills for currently employed individuals in interiors-related careers. Portfolio and/or resume review approval by the program adviser is required to enroll.

(3) design industry partnership—provides interior design knowledge as it relates to success in a career requiring professional partnership with interior designers (e.g., advertising designers, architects, business owners, contractors and builders, craftspeople, custom fabricators, fine artists, furniture designers, mural artists, faux finishers, draftspeople, theater and set designers, and Web designers).

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Interior Design Curricula

Degrees, Certificates, and Letters of Recognition

Montgomery College is authorized by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to offer four degrees (associate of arts, associate of science, associate of applied science, and associate of arts in teaching) and certificates. In addition, the College recognizes students who satisfactorily complete certain course sequences with letters of recognition.

Some curricula are offered at all campuses, whereas others are limited to one or two. When a curriculum is offered at a specific campus, it is indicated by G for Germantown, R for Rockville, or TP for Takoma Park/Silver Spring.

Admission to Montgomery College is open to all.

Math, English, and reading assessment tests are required prior to registering. (Some students may be exempt from assessment. Consult the *Montgomery College Catalog* for criteria.) Financial aid and scholarships are available to qualified candidates.

Take the next step.

Complete an Application for Admission form (online @ www.montgomerycollege.edu/admissions/mcadmiss.htm) or call 240-567-5000 for information.

Interior Design—Preprofessional (R): 102 Arts and Sciences A.A.

First Semester

AR 101	Introduction to Drawing	3
ID 101	Interior Design I	3
ID 103	Interiors: Design Principles	3
ID 105	Interiors: Technical Drawing and Drafting	3
	Health foundation	1
	Mathematics foundation	3

Second Semester

	English foundation	3
ID 104	Interior Design II *	3
	ID professional electives †	3
	Humanities distribution	3
	Natural sciences lab distribution ‡	4

Third Semester

AR 107	Art History I	
or		
AR 209	History of Architecture I	
or		
ID 211	Historic Interiors I*	3
ID 106	Interiors: Advanced Presentation Techniques*	3
ID 221	Interior Design: Residential* Behavioral and social sciences distribution	3
		6

Fourth Semester

AR 108	Art History II	
or		
AR 210	History of Architecture II	
or		
ID 212	Historic Interiors II*	3
ID 222	Interior Design: Commercial/Contract*	3
ID 260	Business Practices and Procedures for Interior Design*	3
SP 108	Introduction to Human Communication	3
	Natural sciences non-lab distribution	3

Total credit hours 62

* This ID course may not be offered every semester; advising by interior design adviser is required.

† Students should consult with interior design adviser before selecting professional electives.

‡ CH 109A and B or PH 110 is recommended.

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Interior Design Curricula

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Interior Design—Preprofessional (R): 306 A.A.S.

General Education and Other Requirements (53 credit hours)

	Mathematics foundation	3
	English foundation	3
	Natural sciences lab distribution†	4
	Behavioral and social sciences distribution	3
	Speech foundation	3
	Health foundation	1
ID 101	Interior Design I	3
ID 103	Interiors: Design Principles	3
ID 104	Interior Design II*	3
ID 105	Interiors: Technical Drawing and Drafting	3
ID 106	Interiors: Advanced Presentation Techniques*	3
ID 180	Interiors: Computer Presentation Techniques*	3
ID 211	Historic Interiors I*	3
ID 221	Interior Design: Residential*	3
ID 234	Textiles*	3
ID 212	Historic Interiors II*	3
ID 222	Interior Design: Commercial/Contract*	3
ID 260	Business Practices and Procedures for Interior Design*	3

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General Track Professional Electives (Select 9 credit hours)

ID 243	Kitchen Design *†	1
ID 244	Bath Design *†	1
ID 245	Kitchen and Bath Appliances and Equipment *†	1
ID 246	Interiors Systems*†	1
ID 247	Codes for Interiors *†	1
ID 248	Interior Materials and Finishes *†	1
ID 249	Interiors: Green Design *†	1
ID 250	Lighting *†	1
ID 252	Faux Finishes *†	1
ID 253	Furniture Design *†	1
ID 254	Furniture Production*†	1
ID 255	Accessible Design*†	1

Interior Design—Preprofessional A.A.S. (R): 306

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ID 256	Government Contracts*†	1
ID 261	Interiors: Prof. Practicum/Internship	1-3
ID 262	Interiors: Professional Experience	1-3
ID 263	Projects in Interior Design *†	1
ID 264	Portfolio Review and Preparation*†	1
ID 281	Interiors: Independent Study / Research	1-3
ID 282	Interiors: Advanced Independent Study / Research	1-3

Total credit hours for general track 62

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Maximum of 4 credits from ID 261, ID 262, ID 281, ID 282. Minimum of 5 credits from ID 1-credit courses.

NKBA Endorsed Track (9 credit hours)

ID 243	Kitchen Design*	1
ID 244	Bath Design*	1
ID 245	Kitchen and Bath Appliances and Equipment *	1
ID 246	Interior Systems*	1
ID 247	Codes for Interiors*	1
ID 248	Interior Materials and Finishes*	1
ID 261	Interiors: Professional Practicum/Internship†	3

Total credit hours for NKBA track 62

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† Internship must be approved by interior design adviser.

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Interior Design Curricula

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Introductory Interior Design Certificate (R): 226

ID 101	Interior Design I	3
ID 103	Interiors: Design Principles*	3
ID 104	Interior Design II*	3
ID 105	Interiors: Technical Drawing and Drafting	3
ID 106	Interiors: Advanced Presentation Techniques*	
	or	
ID 180	Interiors: Computer Presentation Techniques*	3
ID 211	Historic Interiors I*	
	or	
	ID professional electives†	3
ID 212	Historic Interiors II*	
	or	
	ID professional electives†	3
ID 260	Business Practices and Procedures for Interior Design*	3
	ID professional electives†	6

Total credit hours 30

* This ID course may not be offered every semester.
 † ID professional electives: ID 221, ID 222, ID 234, ID 261, and one-credit ID professional electives. Select electives in consultation with interior design adviser.

Advanced Interior Design Certificate (R): 224

ID 106	Interiors: Advanced Presentation Techniques*	
	and/or	
ID 180	Interiors: Computer Presentation Techniques*	3(6)
ID 211	Historic Interiors I*	
	and/or	
ID 212	Historic Interiors II*	3(6)
ID 221	Interior Design: Residential*	
	and/or	
ID 222	Interior Design: Commercial/Contract*	3(6)
ID 260	Business Practices and Procedures for Interior Design*	3
	CT and/or ID professional electives†	
	9–18	

Total credit hours 30

* This ID course may not be offered every semester.
 † ID professional electives: ID 234, ID 261, ID 262, one-credit ID professional electives, or CT elective as determined in consultation with the interior design adviser.

Design Industry Partnership Certificate (R): 225

ID 101	Interior Design I	3
ID 103	Interiors: Design Principles	3
ID 104	Interior Design II*	3
ID 105	Interiors: Technical Drawing and Drafting*	3
ID 260	Business Practices and Procedures for Interior Design*	3
	Industry partner discipline elective‡	15

Total credit hours 30‡

* This ID course may not be offered every semester.
 † Select industry partner discipline electives related to student goals in consultation with program advisers. Elective areas may include accounting, architecture, art, building trades, business/management, computer graphics, construction, landscape, law, photography, and other areas as appropriate.
 ‡ Up to 12 credits can be waived, with appropriate proof of career success in one of the industry partner disciplines named.