

# INTERIOR DESIGN

### WHAT IS INTERIOR DESIGN?

Interior design is a profession that combines creativity, technical knowledge, and business skills. Interior designers work with clients and other design professionals to develop design solutions that are safe, functional, attractive, and meet the needs of the people using the space.

Interior designers must know how to plan a space and how to present that plan visually so that it can be communicated to the client. They must also know about the materials and products that will be used to create and furnish the space, and how texture, color, lighting, and other factors combine and interact to make the space come together. In addition, interior designers must understand the structural requirements of their plans, the health and safety issues, building codes, and many other technical aspects.

### RELATED CAREER TITLES

Assistant Designer	Furniture Designer	Product Consultant	Set Designer
Color Consultant	Home Consultant	Product Designer	Space Planning
Commercial Interior Designer	Interior Designer	Project Director	Space Planning Designer
Contract Designer	Interior Renderer	Project Designer	Showroom Manager/Sales
Design Consultant	Kitchen & Bath Designer	Renderer	Teacher
Exhibition Designer	Lighting Consultant	Residential Interior Designer	Textile Designer
Fabric Designer	Lighting Designer	Retail Sales	Upholsterer
Facility Planner	Manufacturer's Representative	Retail Store Designer	Window Display Designer
Floor-Covering Designer	Photo-Stylist	Sales Representative	Window Treatment Workroom

### TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS

Analytical	Detail Oriented	Organized
Artistic	Efficient	Patient
Budget Oriented	Energetic	Problem-Solver
Communicative	Enthusiastic	Self-Motivated
Coordinated	Expressive	Self-Starter
Creative	Imaginative	Spatial Visualization
Decision Maker	Original	Team Oriented

Attainment and demonstration of [NACE Career Readiness Competencies](#) help prepare for a successful transition into the workplace.

### CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### RELATED CAREER EXPLORATION LINKS

American Society of Interior Designers: [www.asid.org](http://www.asid.org)  
International Interior Design Association: [www.iida.org](http://www.iida.org)  
FHSU Career Services: <https://www.fhsu.edu/career/>  
Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://bls.gov/ooh>