

HOW TO BECOME AN ARCHITECT



STEP 1A:

CHOOSE AN NAAB ACCREDITED SCHOOL

{ TO BECOME A LICENCED ARCHITECT }

(NAAB = NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE ACCREDITING BOARD)

NAAB ACCREDITED ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS

Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT)

College of Architecture - Chicago, IL
BArch; MArch

University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

College of Architecture and the Arts School of Architecture Chicago, IL
MArch

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Fine and Applied Arts School of Architecture Champaign, IL
MArch

Judson University

School of Art, Design, and Architecture Department of Architecture Elgin, IL
MArch

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Department of Architecture, Interior Design, and Designed Objects
Chicago, IL
MArch - Candidate

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

College of Applied Sciences and Arts
School of Architecture
Carbondale, IL
MArch

BArch

bachelor of architecture

5 years

MArch

master of architecture

4 + 2 years

4 + 3 years

STEP 1B:

OR CHOOSE A SCHOOL
WITH A NON-ACCREDITED
ARCH PROGRAM

{ IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BECOME A LICENCED ARCHITECT }

BSArch

bachelor of science in architecture

4 years

NON-ACCREDITED ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS

Columbia College

College of Art & Design - Chicago, IL
BFA

DePaul University

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences - Chicago, IL
BArch (Non-accredited)

Olivet Nazarene University

College of Arts and Sciences - Bourbonnais, IL
BA and BS in Housing and Environmental Design

COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
1-2 years

CURRICULUM

design studio
drawing
drafting / AUTOCAD / Revit
architectural history
art history
architectural theory
materials
professional practice
structures
environmental design

STEP 1C:

INTERIOR DESIGN

{ IT'S NOT ARCHITECTURE, BUT ITS STILL AWESOME }

ALTERNATE ROUTE – INTERIOR DESIGN

Harrington College of Design

Chicago, IL

BFA in Interior Design, Master of Arts in Interior Design

Columbia College of Chicago

Chicago, IL

BFA in Interior Architecture

The Illinois Institute of Art

Chicago, IL & Schaumburg, IL

BFA in Interior Design

Illinois State University

Normal, IL

BA, BS in Family and Consumer Sciences

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Carbondale, IL

BS in Interior Design

STEP 2:

GET AN INTERNSHIP

STEP 3:

REGISTER WITH NCARB

(NCARB = NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION BOARDS)

START IDP

(IDP = INTERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM)

Pre-Design

Programming.....	80 hours
Site & Building Analysis.....	80 hours
Project Cost & Feasibility.....	40 hours
Planning & Zoning Regulations.....	60 hours

Design

Schematic Design.....	320 hours
Engineering Systems.....	360 hours
Construction Cost.....	120 hours
Codes & Regulations.....	120 hours
Design Development.....	320 hours
Construction Documents.....	1200 hours
Material Selection & Specification.....	160 hours

Project Management

Bidding & Contract Negotiation.....	120 hours
Construction Administration.....	240 hours
Construction Phase: Observation.....	120 hours
General Project Management.....	240 hours

Practice Management

Business Operations.....	80 hours
Leadership & Service.....	80 hours

**TOTAL
5600
HOURS**

STEP 4:

TAKE YOUR ARE'S

(ARE = ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION EXAMS)

1. programming, planning & practice
 2. site planning & design
3. building design & construction systems
 4. schematic design
 5. structural systems
 6. building systems
7. construction documents & services

CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU'RE NOW AN
ARCHITECT



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