“You are well prepared to go out in the field; you feel competent and confident because you have been given all the skills you need to market yourself.”

NICOLE EVERETT, CID, LEED AP, GRADUATE OF THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN INTERIOR DESIGN AND INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE; DESIGNER AT HUNTSMAN ARCHITECTURAL GROUP

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Turn your talent and imagination into a career as a professional interior designer creating functional and aesthetic environments for work and play.

The Certificate Program in Interior Design and Interior Architecture from UC Berkeley Extension prepares you to work in residential and commercial design. Since 1984, this program has provided adult students with a comprehensive interior design education that is professional, affordable, and available to working individuals on a part-time basis.

The specific aims of the certificate are to help you:

1. Gain a theoretical and historical context as a basis for problem solving.
2. Develop communication and presentation skills, verbal and technical, including knowledge of the most current computer-aided drawing programs.
3. Learn to design in a responsible way that abides by codes and best practices.
4. Understand sustainability issues and ways to use materials in the most renewable ways.
5. Create a portfolio that demonstrates your competency and professionalism.

The Certificate Program in Interior Design and Interior Architecture provides you with a comprehensive curriculum and prepares you for state and national examinations, including the IDEX California® exam, sponsored by the California Council for Interior Design Certification and the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) exam.

With UC Berkeley Extension’s Certificate Program in Interior Design and Interior Architecture, you gain the education and skills to work as a trained professional.

“Dig in and give it 100 percent right from the get-go. Even if it’s something that you choose not to pursue, you will definitely learn something that you can take with you in other aspects of your life.”

TIM FERK, RECENT GRADUATE OF THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN INTERIOR DESIGN AND INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE: DESIGNER AT INTERIOR ARCHITECTS
Phase I

- Design Principles and Elements  
  ARCH X475 (offered every term)

- Design Communication I  
  ARCH X486.1 (offered every term)

- Color Theory and Application for Interiors  
  ARCH X412.7 (offered every term)

- AutoCAD  
  ARCH X479.1 (offered every term)

- Design Communication II  
  ARCH X486.2 (offered every term)

- Design Communication III  
  ARCH X486.3 (offered every term)

- History of Architecture, Interiors, and Decorative Arts I  
  ARCH X412.4 (offered fall term)

- Digital Presentation Techniques  
  ARCH X481 (offered spring & summer terms)

Phase II

- Design Studio I  
  ARCH X482.1 (offered summer & fall terms)

- Interior Finishes and Materials  
  ARCH X480 (offered spring & fall terms)

- History of Architecture, Interiors, and Decorative Arts II  
  ARCH X412.5 (offered spring term)

- Revit  
  ARCH X479.2 (offered every term)

- Space Planning  
  ARCH X413.8 (offered spring & fall terms)

- Fundamentals of Lighting Design  
  ARCH X484 (offered fall term)

- Design Studio II  
  ARCH X482.2 (offered spring & summer terms)

Phase III

- Building Components and Systems for Interior Architecture  
  ARCH X483 (offered spring term)

- Design Studio III  
  ARCH X482.3 (offered summer & fall terms)

- Construction Documents  
  ARCH X414.6 (offered summer term)

- Business Practices for Interior Designers  
  ARCH X409 (offered fall term)

- Design Studio IV  
  ARCH X482.4 (offered spring & fall terms)

- Portfolio and Professional Presentation  
  ARCH X413.5 (offered summer term)

Electives

This professional certificate requires two to four electives that can range from training in new digital software to internships and courses tailored to specific areas of interest.

For a list of available electives, see extension.berkeley.edu/cert/intdes.html

Formerly involved in healthcare, Shekar appreciates that her instructors are practicing professionals. “I always draw something positive from them, whether that means fostering creativity or learning technical skills.”

SHEKAR DAVARYA, CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN INTERIOR DESIGN AND INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE STUDENT
Curriculum Requirements

The curriculum consists of 21 required courses (57 semester units) and two to four electives (4 semester units) for a total of 61 semester units.

How to Register for Your Professional Certificate

It is recommended that you register for the Certificate Program in Interior Design and Interior Architecture prior to beginning Phase II.

To register, complete the form at extension.berkeley.edu/cert/register.html and include the nonrefundable certificate registration fee.

The registration is valid for five years. You must reregister for the certificate if you have not completed the curriculum during this time.

Completion Requirements

All courses must be taken for a letter grade. To receive the certificate, you must maintain an overall minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA), with a grade of C or better in each course. A Certificate with Distinction will be awarded to those who complete the certificate with a GPA of 3.9 or higher. Students are expected to complete the program within five years of registering for the certificate.

Substitutions, Waivers, and Transfers

You should contact the program director directly after registering for the professional certificate to request a course substitution, waiver, or transfer credit. After you start the program, you have 30 days to submit transcripts for proposed course substitutions. Once registered, you must complete the remainder of your certificate requirements at UC Berkeley Extension.

Build a Professional Portfolio

The Certificate Program in Interior Design and Interior Architecture gives you the design training to build a professional portfolio of work that showcases your technical and creative skills that meet the needs of today’s employers. Throughout this brochure, you will find examples of such work produced by students in the program.

“The interactions with my fellow students is one of the best parts of the program. We work together on group projects and come up with ideas and help each other out. I think it’s really broadened my mind as a human being, not just as a designer.”

JUYUM YIM, CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN INTERIOR DESIGN AND INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE STUDENT
Opportunities and Resources

San Francisco is a vital center of design, enabling Extension to choose the best professionals and experts to serve as instructors and lecturers. Our instructors represent diverse educational, experiential and philosophical backgrounds. They provide inspiration and academic rigor to ensure students the highest-quality design education.

The San Francisco Bay Area offers good options for finding employment in the industry while attending school. Our instructors, Advisory Board, and student chapters of professional design organizations such as the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) provide you with opportunities for participation, networking and connecting with mentors.

Value of a UC Berkeley Extension Professional Certificate

As the continuing education division of the University of California, Berkeley, UC Berkeley Extension is a respected provider of adult and professional education. This UC Berkeley Extension professional certificate is approved by the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture and widely recognized as proof of the successful completion of a high-caliber, in-depth course of study.

Learn More

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