

# An Overview of the Advanced Designer Certificate of Achievement

The JJC Advanced Designer Certificate of Achievement is an optional third-year program to be taken after completion of the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in interior design. This program prepares the student to take the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) exam, which is required to become a certified, licensed, professional interior designer in the state of Illinois.

**JJC's Advanced Designer Certificate of Achievement** combines contract design with computer-aided drafting (CAD). The increase in demand for interior designers with CAD experience has created many career opportunities. As our population ages there are also new career opportunities in barrier free design.

Interior designers are responsible for the health, safety and welfare of the public because of the nature of their work. Designers improve the quality of life related to function of the space and interior environments.

Professional interior designers are qualified by education, experience and the NCIDQ examination. Interior designers review the client's needs; satisfy life/safety requirements; propose preliminary design concepts; develop working drawings (for non-load bearing walls); design space, lighting and furniture plans; specify surface materials/finishes; and prepare bids/services necessary to implement a design solution.

## Highlights of the JJC Interior Design Certificate Program Benefits

Day and evening courses • Modern computer labs  
 Knowledgeable, dedicated faculty • Training in real-world job skills  
 Certificate of Achievement (30 credit hours) required courses include:

- INTD 203, 220, 240 MKTG 101, SALES 101 are required
- Nine departmental elective hours – (suggested elective hours ART 101, 115 or CAD 102)
- Six general education hours (HIST 108 and ART 223).



## CAREERS

Wide Variety of Opportunities including

- Contract Design
- Commercial Design
- Institutional Design
- Residential Design
- Model Home Design
- Real Estate Consultation
  - Rendering
  - Retail Sales
- Showroom Management
  - Store Coordination
  - Teaching
- Kitchen and Bath Design
  - Lighting Specialist
- Computer Applications for Interiors

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