Employment Opportunities

- Interior Design specialists in:
  - Residential projects
  - Commercial (offices and retail projects)
  - Hospitality (restaurants, hotels, resorts, spas)
  - Institutional (theatres, museums, hospitals & clinics)
  - Kitchen and Bathroom specialists.
  - Ergonomics or furniture design.
  - Sustainable design.
  - Universal design (for elderly and disabled)
  - Lighting design
  - Product design

- Other Professions:
  - Educator
  - Entrepreneur
  - Visual merchandiser
  - Project Manager in Interior Design

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INTERIOR DESIGNER

An Interior Designer is a person, trained in the science and art of planning, specifying, selecting, and organizing the surface finishes and materials including furniture, furnishings, and fixtures and other interior design elements for the purpose of the interior space allocations to suit, enhance and meet the intended function, movement, character for which the interior of the building is designed. A design to give life a habitat to experience not only a “sense of place”, but also a “sense of who we are”, and “what we can be”.

FUNCTIONS

- Assess and interpret client’s wants and needs, create interior spaces based on intended functions, within budget considerations.
- Allocate spaces, and plan the flow of interior elements within the space.
- Select, specify, estimate, and supervise the installation of finishes, materials, furniture, fixtures and other design elements.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

An Interior Designer must have:

- Communication skills - oral, written and visual formats (drawing and computer-aided design)
- Critical analysis, spatial visualization and graphic thinking
- Visual color discrimination

PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES AND CHARACTERISTICS

- Interest in art and in people
- Artistic ability and creativity
- Detail oriented
- Communication and problem solving skills
- Interpersonal relationship skills
- Visualization and spatial reasoning

BASIC EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT

The following are prerequisites for the practice of Interior Design:

- A Baccalaureate degree in Interior Design from a reputable institution accredited by Commission on Higher Education institution.
- A professional license issued by Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) after a successful board examination.

COST OF EDUCATION

The cost of the 4-year Course of Interior Design normally ranges from P 35,000 to P 60,000 per semester depending on the type of educational institution. It is about 20-40% less in state colleges and universities. There will be miscellaneous costs for drawing materials and equipment, ranging from P 10,000-15,000 per year.