

Architecture and Construction Career Cluster

The Architecture and Construction Career Cluster focuses on designing, planning, managing, building, and maintaining the built environment. Principles of Architecture provides an overview to the various fields of architecture, interior design, and construction management.

Architectural Design Statewide Program of Study



The Architectural Design program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with developing, engineering, and designing building structures and facilities. This program of study may also include exploration into collecting and interpreting geographic information, researching and preparing maps, and interior design.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

- Principles of Architecture

Level 2

- Architectural Design I

Level 3

- Architectural Design II

Level 4

- Practicum in Architectural Design

Industry-Based Certifications

- Autodesk Associate (Certified User) AutoCAD
- Autodesk Associate (Certified User) Revit Architecture



Principles of Architecture (1)

Principles of Architecture provides an overview to the various fields of architecture, interior design, and construction management. Achieving proficiency in decision-making and problem solving is an essential skill for career planning and lifelong learning. Students use self-knowledge, education, and career information to set and achieve realistic career and educational goals. Job-specific training can be provided through training modules that identify career goals in trade and industry areas. Classroom studies include topics such as safety, work ethics, communication, information technology applications, systems, health, environment, leadership, teamwork, ethical and legal responsibility, employability, and career development and include skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, and reading technical drawings.

Architectural Design I* (1)

In Architectural Design I, students will gain knowledge and skills needed to enter a career in architecture or construction or prepare a foundation toward a postsecondary degree in architecture, construction science, drafting, interior design, or landscape architecture. Architectural Design I includes the knowledge of the design, design history, techniques, and tools related to the production of drawings, renderings, and scaled models for nonresidential or residential architectural purposes.

Architectural Design II* (2)

In Architectural Design II, students will gain advanced knowledge and skills needed to enter a career in architecture or construction or prepare a foundation toward a postsecondary degree in architecture, construction science, drafting, interior design, or landscape architecture. Architectural Design II includes the advanced knowledge of the design, design history, techniques, and tools related to the production of drawings, renderings, and scaled models for nonresidential or residential architectural purposes.

Practicum in Architectural Design* (2)

Practicum in Architectural Design is an occupationally specific course designed to provide technical instruction in architectural design. Safety and career opportunities are included in addition to work ethics and architectural design study.

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Architects	\$77,043	808	16%
Geographic Information Analysts and Surveyors	\$58,926	162	27%
Architectural/ Civil Drafters	\$50,170	1,068	9%
Construction Managers	\$87,402	2,401	14%

Successful completion of the Architectural Design program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry endorsement or STEM endorsement if the math and science requirements are met. Revised – August 2022