

# Interior Designers



## DOES THIS DESCRIBE YOU?

**Work Interests** involve descriptive categories (compatible with Holland's Model) attributed to success in this career:

- **Artistic**– Involves working with forms, designs, and patterns requiring self-expression without clear set of rules.
- **Enterprising** – Involves starting up and carrying out projects; often leading people and making business decisions that sometimes require risk.

**Work Styles** depict worker characteristics conducive for this career:

- **Attention to Detail**
- **Innovation**
- **Integrity**
- **Dependability**
- **Adaptability/Flexibility**

**Work Values** are associated with aspects of work that provide satisfaction in this career:

- **Relationships**—Provide service to others in noncompetitive environment.
- **Achievement**—Sense of accomplishment; results oriented.
- **Independence**—Autonomy; working on your own.

**Aptitudes** reflect an ability to acquire skills and knowledge for success in this career:

- **Oral Comprehension**
- **Originality**
- **Oral Expression**
- **Visualization**

## OVERVIEW

Plan, design, and furnish interiors of residential, commercial, or industrial buildings. Formulate design which is practical, aesthetic, and conducive to intended purposes, such as raising productivity, selling merchandise, or improving life style. May specialize in a particular field, style, or phase of interior design. Belongs to the Architecture and Construction career cluster and Design/Pre-Construction career pathway.

## SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

### Basic Skills:

- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness
- Active Listening
- Speaking

### Technology Skills:

- Computer Aided Design Software
- Electronic Mail Software
- Graphics or Photo Imaging Software
- Spreadsheet Software
- Video Creation and Editing Software

### Knowledge:

- Design
- Customer and Personal Service
- Building and Construction
- English Language
- Administration and Management

## ESTIMATED & PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT

Occupational Title	2012 Estimated Employment	2022 Projected Employment	2012-22 Employment Change	Annual Growth Rate (%)	Total Annual Openings
Total, All Occupations	1,758,205	1,955,480	197,275	1.1	61,665
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media Occupations	26,560	29,770	3,210	1.2	970
Interior Designers	525	610	85	1.6	25

Source: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections>

## 2015 WAGE & SALARY (\$)

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Average Salary	Entry Wage	Entry Salary	Experienced Wage	Experienced Salary
Total, All Occupations	19.77	41,122	9.55	19,858	24.88	51,755
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media Occupations	18.07	37,591	8.90	18,507	22.66	47,133
Interior Designers	20.04	41,678	12.76	26,540	23.68	49,247

Source: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-employment-and-wages>

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

Education	Work Experience	Job Training
Bachelor's Degree	None	None

A bachelor's degree is required for most interior design positions including a preferred apprenticeship program. Licenses, certificates, and/or commissions may be required. Sources: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections>, [https://www.bls.gov/emp/ep\\_education\\_training\\_system.htm](https://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_education_training_system.htm), <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/iowa-licensed-occupations>, and <https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/>

## NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC)

Skill	Median Skill Level	Minimum Skill Level	Maximum Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	3	3	4
Locating Information	4	3	6
Reading for Information	5	5	5
Applied Technology	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Business Writing	4	4	5
Workplace Observation	2	2	2
Listening for Understanding	2	2	2

An ACT assessment-based credential issued in determining essential work skills needed for employment success across industries and occupations. The greater the score, the greater the skill level (Bronze = 3, Silver = 4, Gold = 5, Platinum = 6 & higher). Source: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-employers/assessments.html>

## PRIMARY INDUSTRY SECTORS

### (Where are Graphic Designers Employed?)

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services  
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores  
Self Employed  
Miscellaneous Store Retailers

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