



## INTERIOR DESIGN, FURNISHINGS AND MAINTENANCE

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“THE CLASSES ARE WHAT MOTIVATED ME AND GOT ME INTERESTED IN INTERIOR DESIGN. I THOUGHT IT WAS THE GREATEST PROGRAM EVER. IT OPENED UP LOTS OF DOORS FOR ME AND INTRODUCED ME TO WHAT I WANTED TO DO IN LIFE.”

— Adriana Kirienko,  
Kitchen and Bath Designer at The Great Indoors  
Rowland Heights, Ca.

You can hardly turn on your television or browse a magazine display without seeing some program or publication devoted to interior design. This booming industry presents career opportunities galore, especially as the red-hot real estate market drives more and more people to seek expert advice on decorating, furnishing and maintaining their living and work spaces.

Individuals with a keen eye for detail and an ability to respond to clients' needs are attracted to the variety of jobs in the interior design industry. From interior design to furnishings retail to commercial building maintenance, the sector offers job seekers lots of room for creativity and problem solving.

One hot trend in the sector is designing spaces that are energy efficient and make wise use of renewable resources. Another interesting and growing segment of the industry is universal design, which entails creating work and living spaces that are accessible to all, including the aged and disabled. Designers can also use their talent to create work spaces that encourage

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efficiency and collaboration among employees. And today's discerning customers are demanding furnishings that are both functional and fashionable.

Job titles in this career sector include set and exhibit designer, interior designer, furniture designer, and building engineer.

Students pursuing the interior design, furnishings and maintenance career pathway can expect coursework and training on such topics as:

- Principles of design and space planning;
- Furniture design, fabrication and maintenance;
- Color, fabric, and building materials;
- Computer-assisted design programs; and
- Commercial building engineering and maintenance.



For more information on Interior Design, Furnishings and Maintenance, contact your local instructors in middle, junior, or high schools, or the Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROCP), or:

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