

Architectural Engineering Technology

Interior Design

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Interior Design Technology prepares you with the skills and experience that will enable you to design, plan, execute, and present design solutions on a professional level. You will learn how to think creatively to solve the types of spatial, environmental, functional, and aesthetic problems faced by professional interior designers every day. You will find this program valuable if you want to: design interior spaces for residential or commercial clients, or serve as a color consultant, renderer, or specifier. The interior sales option will prepare you for the role of decorator, designer, or sales representative.

What You'll Learn...

- Selecting colors, materials, and styles to reflect your clients' needs
- Applying basic principles of interior design to residential and commercial space
- Preparing effective, professional presentations of your work
- Mastering the business, advertising, and marketing skills required to succeed in this career field
- Structural, lighting, and utilities requirements as well as the cost estimating, contracts and specification procedures involved in larger projects

What You'll Earn...

- A competitive salary with excellent opportunities for advancement
- Employment opportunities in interior design and architectural firms, hotels, marketing, and sales
- The credentials to advance quickly to lead positions or to start your own business
- Strong status in the job market - interior designers and specialists are in demand
- The advantage of knowledge in a field with many areas for specialization

Why You'll Succeed...

- More than half of all new jobs created require education beyond high school
- Employees with degrees tend to be more eligible for promotion*
- Associate degree holders generally earn more than high school graduates*
- College credit may be awarded for relevant work experience
- Many credits from an Associate Degree may be applied toward a Bachelor Degree

**Statistics from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census*

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You can enroll in the Interior Design Technology on either a full-time or part-time basis. The length of time required to complete an Associate Degree depends on the number of courses you take each semester. Some students may need refresher courses at the basic or pre-tech level; others may receive transfer credit or credit for work experience. Delaware Tech operates on a semester system with new terms beginning in late August and mid-January, plus summer terms beginning at the end of May and in mid-June. You can start taking courses any semester or summer term; however, all technical courses may not be offered every term. An Interior Sales degree option is also available.

Required Technical Courses

Introduction to Design presents the basic elements and principles of visual expression including line, shapes, form, space, balance, and rhythm. Various media and methods of art production will also be presented.

Color & Composition explores the theory and practice of handling color and the foundations of sound composition. Hands-on projects help develop your ability to use color in establishing color harmonies.

Interior Styles, Materials, & Accents gives students an in-depth look at interior styles. Students learn about furniture, fabrics, wall coverings, floorings, ceilings, mouldings, and accents that depict a particular style.

Interior Detailing* explores the development of details such as moulding, cabinetry, custom furniture, and carpet designs. Detailing also gives students the opportunity to design millwork and to prepare working drawings for custom walls and flooring.

Presentation Drawing & Rendering trains in all aspects of illustrating design ideas for presentation to clients.

Residential Design Studio provides the opportunity to put your advancing skills to work as you prepare an in-depth study of realistic residential design assignments.

Commercial Design Studio is another series of in-depth, real-life, interior design assignments aimed at refining your talents and presentation techniques.

Professional Practice takes you into the operational aspects of running a design firm. Provides an extensive review of the processes that go into a design project, from initial client meetings to final inspections.

Construction Materials & Methods* gives you a background in the way structures are created and modified so you will understand how interior design projects impact space planning, costs, and building integrity.

* These courses are optional for Interior Sales Program

Related Courses

Salesmanship
Principles of Marketing
Art History I & II
Human Communications
Introduction to Business

Business Math
Advertising & Sales Promotion
Technical Writing & Communication
Composition
Architectural Design & Drafting

Getting Started

1. Obtain an application by calling (302) 857-1020. Complete and return to the Terry Campus with a \$10 application fee.
2. Take the College Placement Test (CPT) *unless college-level math, reading, and English courses have been completed with a "C" grade or better.* The CPT will determine appropriate placement.
3. Request that high school and/or college transcripts be sent to the Admissions Office.
4. Meet with a Delaware Tech counselor to discuss CPT results.
5. Meet with advisor to plan schedule.
6. Apply and register early for the best selection of courses.

Standards of Excellence

❖ Students benefit from real world assignments in the field as part of this highly respected program.