

General Program Description: The **Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Interior Design** program prepares students to work in an entry-level interior design position. The program provides both general education and interior design classes including basic design, color theory and application, architectural and furniture history, drafting and computer aided design (CAD) for interior design, space planning, interior materials, rendering, and codes and regulations. Studio projects allow students to identify, research, solve, and present residential design problems.

Advancement options: Beginning designers often need one to three years of experience before they advance to higher-level positions. Experienced designers in large firms may advance to chief designer or other supervisory positions. Some designers become teachers in design schools. Some experienced designers open their own firms.

Projected Job Growth: Much of the demand for interior designers will be to decorate private homes, restaurants, offices, and retail businesses. In addition, rapid growth of the elderly population should create a demand for designers of care facilities. Competition for jobs is expected to be strong. Many talented people are attracted to careers as designers.

Location	Pay Period	Bureau of Labor Statistics - 2006 Salaries*		
		Entry-level	Median	Experienced
United States	Hourly	\$11.67	\$20.32	\$37.86
	Yearly	\$24,300	\$31,800	\$78,700
Greater Phoenix	Hourly	\$8.99	\$13.87	\$21.25
	Yearly	\$18,700	\$28,800	\$44,200
Arizona	Hourly	\$10.13	\$17.45	\$29.51
	Yearly	\$21,100	\$36,300	\$61,400

For more career information for Interior Designers, visit:
www.bls.gov/oco, www.maricopa.edu/workforce,
<http://www.acinet.org/>, or
www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/career/

For MCC program information, contact
Sally Kroelinger, 480-461-7134,
Interior Design Program Director, or visit
<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept2/interior/>

*Labor market information provided by AZ Dept of Economic Security in cooperation with the U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Wages will vary depending on the employer, location, hours worked, experience, responsibility and other factors. Career and Re-Entry Services will collaborate with academic and occupational program departments to develop internship and career experience opportunities.

Sample Job Titles: Interior Designer, Commercial Designer, Residential Designer

Types of Employers:

Design Studios, Architectural firms, or with the Design Department of a corporation or institution

Local Employers who posted related jobs on the Maricopa Career

Network: Lay-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries, Mayo Clinic, Apollo Group

Professional Associations
**American Society of Interior
 Designers**

<http://www.asid.org>

**For current job openings, go to
 Maricopa Career Network**

<http://mcmaricopa.jobing.com/>.

International Interior Design Association

<http://www.iida.org>

Interior Design Overview At-A-Glance

- Design the inside of homes, offices, public buildings, and other building
- Often use CAD (computer-aided design)
- Work with clients
- Are creative and detail-oriented
- Work under deadlines

www.azcis.intocareers.org

For additional information on Interior Design careers or to watch occupational videos, visit:

Arizona Career Information Systems (AzCIS)

www.azcis.intocareers.org

User name: mesacc; Password: 4azcis02

Career Voyages

www.careervoyages.gov

Internships are supervised practical training in a short-term or temporary position with an emphasis placed on instruction, training, mentoring, networking and gaining applied work experience. These positions may be paid or unpaid. Contact Career and Re-Entry Services for internship information: 480-461-7430.

Internship Completed: _____ Dates: _____ Location: _____

Service-Learning is a teaching and learning method that connects meaningful community service with academic learning through guided reflection. Contact the Center for Service- Learning for more information: 480-461-7393.

Service-Learning Completed: _____ Dates: _____ Location: _____

Transfer Options: Contact Transfer Services for more transfer information: 480-461-7452.

Career Assessments Completed:

Career Assessment / Results	Date Completed	Reviewed by

Career Readiness Workshops / Activities Completed:

Workshop Name / Activity	Date Completed	Follow Up Contact (s)
Resume Writing Workshop		
Resume completed and reviewed by:		
Participate in Mock Interview		
How To Prepare for a Career Fair		
Attend Career Fair / Job Expo Location:		
Joined Professional Association:		

MCC Career and Re-Entry Services
Providing Guidance for Career and Workplace Success

For more Career Profiles, visit

<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/career/careerprofiles.html>

Meet with a Career Advisor in Bldg #36, Room SS5N - adjacent to the Kirk Student Center, 480-461-7430

