



Interior Design CEUs

Continuing education in interior design emphasizes competencies, knowledge and skills in a specific subject with the long-term goal of enhancing an individual's performance. Learning experiences focus on the thought, action and reaction skills necessary for interior designers to maintain an advanced level of professionalism.

What is a CEU?

A CEU is a continuing education unit. One clock hour of instruction equates (excluding breaks and meals) to .1 CEU; therefore 1.0 CEU is equal to ten contact hours of instruction.

What is IDCEC?

IDCEC is the Interior Design Continuing Education Council. IDCEC has four core member organizations – the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), Interior Designers of Canada (IDC), Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC), and International Interior Design Association (IIDA). The stated purpose of IDCEC is to promote life-long learning for the interior designer, to serve as a central clearinghouse for the sharing of CEU information, approval and registration, and to provide strategic planning for CEU programming and activity.

How are CEUs in interior design developed?

Continuing education in interior design is coordinated through the professional development committees of IDCEC member organizations. All continuing education courses approved by IDCEC go through a rigorous approval process. In order to have a CEU approved, instructors must submit proposals to one of the IDCEC member organizations. Each course submission is reviewed by the sponsoring organization and at least four members of IDCEC.

What criteria must CEU courses meet?

Course content must focus on specific applications and/or knowledge that are directly related to the practice of interior design. Subject matter must be generic in nature—product-oriented material and the promotion of products, services, books, video or audiotapes is strictly prohibited.

Are interior designers required to take CEUs?

Currently, 18 states require licensed or registered interior designers to meet continuing education requirements: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, DC and Wisconsin.