



The American Institute of Architects (AIA)  
Continuing Education System  
**Cosentino Registered Provider Program Summary Handout**

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Provider: **Cosentino**

Length: **1 Hour**

AIA Course Number: **COSUcs2**

Credits: **1 AIA LU/HSW Hour**

Course Title: **Ultracompact Surfacing: Redefining Boundaries of Interior and Exterior Spaces**

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### **Description**

In this course, we explore a cutting-edge technology, called Ultracompact Surfacing. The audience will gain insight into how this surfacing material possesses similar characteristics of natural stone while providing unmatched durability and design flexibility. We will also explore its optimal use as cladding in a rainscreen application, as well as other options for material use.

### **Learning Objectives**

By completing this course, the design professional will be able to:

1. discuss the evolution of surfaces and the various types of surfacing material for interior and exterior applications
2. define ultracompact surfacing (UCS) and discuss the innovative production process that creates superior tile properties and reduced environmental impact
3. discuss the advantages of compact surfaces in terms of strength, durability, chemical resistance, absorption, abrasion resistance, and ASTM testing
4. discuss selecting UCS in terms of life cycle environmental impact, color, texture, format, and general design flexibility, as well as the various possible interior and exterior applications, and
5. identify key attributes of UCS, explaining how they influence material performance, safety, durability, and sustainability.

### **Method of Delivery**

The course is offered to design professionals in a lunch and learn classroom setting. The course is presented in PowerPoint.

### **Cost to Participants**

The course is sponsored by the manufacturer and is therefore offered to designers at no cost.

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