

IDP 2.0

IDP 2.0: THE FINAL PHASE
DEBUTING AT MY NCARB 5 APRIL 2012

When the final phase of IDP 2.0 launches in April 2012, it represents a programmatic evolution that has taken place over the last three years and includes significant updates that are beneficial to interns as they work their way toward licensure. The IDP as we know it today will retire on 3 April 2012 at noon EDT. Then, the final phase of IDP 2.0 will launch on 5 April 2012 along with an upgraded electronic reporting system in My NCARB. All interns currently participating in the IDP will have their IDP experience rolled over to IDP 2.0.

IDP 2.0 was introduced in phases because of the many benefits that the program changes offered interns. The Council has been committed to implementing elements of IDP 2.0 as soon as our system development would allow, so that interns could take advantage of benefits such as reporting hours rather than units and expanded supplementary education, which offers many opportunities to gain experience whether or not employed.

“The final phase of IDP 2.0 encompasses the most significant changes to the IDP since its inception in the 1970s,” said Harry M. Falconer Jr., AIA, NCARB, Director, Intern Development Program. “These changes are directly derived from empirical data learned from NCARB’s 2007 *Practice Analysis of Architecture*. The profession has changed over the years and this final phase completes the alignment of the program to the current reality of architectural practice.”

The final phase of the rollover to IDP 2.0 is more than a program update. “In order to support these changes and our customers, we are building a new electronic reporting system that includes all aspects of IDP 2.0 and incorporates improvements to the customer experience,” said Mary S. de Sousa, Vice President, Operations.

THE ROLLOVER REALITY

If you are currently participating in the IDP, the implementation of the final phase of IDP 2.0 will impact you. *How* it impacts you, however, will depend on your individual circumstances. All you need to do is take responsibility for understanding the requirements, and you will be able to move efficiently through the program.

“The IDP is an intern’s roadmap to obtaining the knowledge and skills necessary to practice architecture independently. It is in your best interest to proactively understand your progress in the program and how to move forward,” said Falconer.

All experience already in the “submitted” or “approved” status in the e-EVR will be rolled over to IDP 2.0. If an intern has 1,000 hours “submitted” in the e-EVR on the day before the rollover, he or she will have 1,000 hours the day after the rollover. Hours in the “saved” status in the e-EVR will be rolled over to IDP 2.0, but they will not be considered in the calculations to determine if hours qualify as “exempt” or “satisfied” or for a one-time “waiver.” [See Rollover Terms sidebar on page 8.]

TWO MAJOR CHANGES WITH THE FINAL PHASE

The first is a realignment of the experience requirement categories and areas. While the total hours required to complete the IDP will remain the same—5,600 hours—the experience categories and areas in the core minimum requirements are reconfigured. The second major change will be simplified and redefined work settings—or experience settings, as they will be renamed. In addition to the changes to categories, areas, and settings, there are opportunities to earn experience hours through academic internships and changes to the licensure requirements of an IDP supervisor.

IDP 2.0 EXPERIENCE CATEGORIES AND AREAS

IDP 2.0 is made up of 17 experience areas organized into four categories: Pre-Design, Design, Project Management, and Practice Management. Most of the current training areas roll over into the corresponding IDP 2.0 experience areas. However, two of the current training areas split into two different experience areas and categories, and two training areas combine into one experience area in IDP 2.0.

All interns will be required to meet the new core minimum requirement of 3,740 hours when the final phase goes into effect, but new area and category requirements will depend on what was earned under the current system. For example, if you have met the current core mini-

ACADEMIC INTERNSHIPS

New! Interns can now earn up to 930 IDP hours through academic internships beginning on 5 April 2012. Hours count toward core credit and can be applied to any experience area except leadership and service under experience settings A and O. This opportunity recognizes the valuable experience interns can earn while still in school. Learn more at www.ncarb.org/idp2.

IDP SUPERVISORS LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

The Final Phase of IDP 2.0 includes more flexibility related to experience settings. IDP supervisors no longer need to be licensed where they are located in most jurisdictions to review and approve experience reports. While this will be a major benefit to most interns across the country, unfortunately this change will not apply to interns earning experience in New York or Texas at this time. If you are earning experience in either of these states, your IDP supervisor will need to continue to hold a license in that jurisdiction. Contact either the New York or Texas Board for more information.

ROLLOVER TERMS

Saved

“Saved” experience reports are training hours you have entered for a specific reporting period, but have not yet submitted to your IDP supervisor, mentor, or NCARB for approval.

Submitted

“Submitted” experience reports are training hours you have submitted to your IDP supervisor, mentor, or NCARB for approval, but have not yet been approved.

Approved

“Approved” experience reports are training hours that have been verified and approved by your IDP supervisor, or mentor, and they are now included in your IDP training hour totals.

Exempt

If you have earned the required core minimum hours required in an existing training area or category prior to the implementation of the final phase of IDP 2.0, you will be exempt from having to satisfy the new core minimum hour requirement in the corresponding experience area or category for IDP 2.0

Satisfied

If your hours earned in an existing training area or category satisfy the new core minimum hour requirement in the corresponding area or category for IDP 2.0, you will be credited with having “satisfied” the new requirement.

You must be exempt or have satisfied the core minimum hours in all experience areas within a new experience category to be exempt from the core minimum hours required in an IDP 2.0 experience category.

Waiver

If the experienced earned through an existing work setting exceeds the maximum allowable hours that can be earned in the corresponding IDP 2.0 experience setting then the intern may be granted a **one-time** waiver to the maximum allowable hours. If a one-time waiver is granted, **no** additional hours may be earned in the new experience setting.

Experience must be in the “submitted” or “approved” status prior to noon EDT 3 April 2012, and must be subsequently validated and approved in accordance with the rules of the IDP. All experience is subject to review and evaluation by NCARB for compliance with the program. If NCARB determines that “submitted” or “approved” experience was invalid or was not earned in compliance with the program, then the individual will be required to complete the program requirements in compliance with IDP 2.0

imum requirement for an existing training area, you will have satisfied the corresponding experience area core minimum requirement(s) in IDP 2.0. [See page 10.]

EXPERIENCE SETTINGS

The current and sometimes confusing seven work settings are being simplified into three experience settings in IDP 2.0. Depending on your current work setting, you may be affected by this change. There are three experience settings in IDP 2.0: A, O, and S. All “submitted” or “approved” experience will be rolled over to the new experience settings. If your experience earned through existing work settings exceeds the maximum allowable hours that can be earned in the corresponding IDP 2.0 experience setting, you will be granted a one-time waiver to the maximum allowable hours. If you are granted a one-time waiver, you will not be allowed to earn any additional hours in the new experience setting.

EXPERIENCE SETTING A: PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE

Direct supervision by an IDP supervisor licensed as an architect in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction in an organization engaged in the lawful practice of architecture.

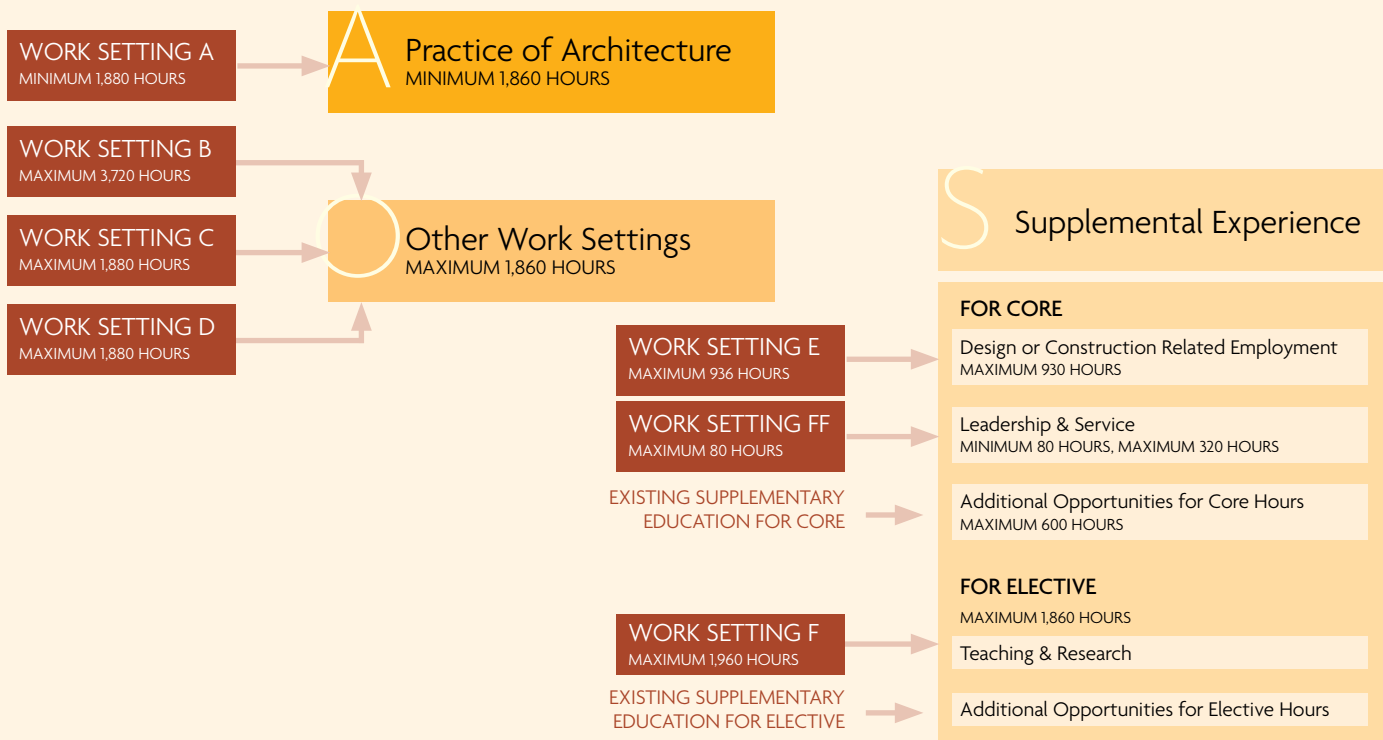
You will be required to earn a minimum of 1,860 hours in experience setting A to complete the program. If you are currently employed in work setting A, your hours will automatically be rolled over into experience setting A.

EXPERIENCE SETTING O: OTHER WORK SETTINGS

(1) Direct supervision by an architect licensed in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction in an organization not engaged in the practice of architecture. (2) Direct supervision by an architect not registered in the United States/Canada engaged in the practice of architecture outside of the United States or Canada. (3) Direct supervision by a landscape architect or registered engineer (practicing as a structural, civil, mechanical, fire protection, or electrical engineer in the field of building construction).

In IDP 2.0, you will be able to earn a maximum of 1,860 hours in experience setting O. If you have previous experience

WORK SETTINGS TO EXPERIENCE SETTINGS



in work settings B, C, and D, or are currently working in one of those settings, your hours will automatically be rolled over to experience setting O. If your total number of hours earned through work settings B, C, and D exceeds 1,860 hours, you will be given a **one-time** waiver and will be able to keep all earned hours; however, you will **not** be able to earn any additional hours in experience setting O.

EXPERIENCE SETTING S: SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIENCE

Opportunities to earn experience hours outside of a traditional experience setting. Many of the supplemental experience opportunities may be completed whether or not employed.

Within supplemental experience, there are opportunities to earn core and elective hours.

Supplemental Experience for Core Hours

There are several opportunities to earn core hours through supplemental experience. Each opportunity for core hours has

limitations in terms of maximum allowable hours. Core hours earned through supplemental experience are credited to the specific experience area in which they are earned.

In addition to all of the existing opportunities to earn core hours through supplementary education such as design competitions and site visits with a mentor, the new IDP 2.0 supplemental experience for core hours includes design or construction related employment and leadership and service. Refer to the current *IDP Guidelines* for all of the opportunities to earn core hours through supplementary education.

Design or Construction Related Employment

Design or construction related activities under the direct supervision of a person experienced in the activity (e.g. analysis of existing buildings; planning; programming; design of interior space; review of technical submissions; engaging in building construction activities).

In IDP 2.0 you can earn a maximum of 930 hours across all experience areas (except 4B: Leadership and Service) through design or construction related employment. If you have previous experience in work setting E or are currently working in E, your hours will automatically be rolled over to experience setting S. If your total number of hours earned through work setting E exceeds 930 hours, you will be given a **one-time** waiver to keep all earned hours; however, you will **not** be able to earn any additional hours through design or construction related employment. You may continue to earn supplemental experience for core through other opportunities such as the Emerging Professional's Companion (EPC).

Leadership and Service

Qualifying experience is pro bono, in support of an organized activity or in support of a specific organization. There must be an individual who can certify to NCARB that you have performed services in support of the organization.

IDP 2.0: THE MAP

CURRENT IDP (TRAINING CATEGORIES AND AREAS)

IDP 2.0 (EXPERIENCE CATEGORIES AND AREAS)

A. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

1. PROGRAMMING Core minimum Hours 80
2. SITE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS Core minimum Hours 80
3. SCHEMATIC DESIGN Core minimum Hours 120
4. ENGINEERING SYSTEMS COORDINATION Core minimum Hours 120
5. BUILDING COST ANALYSIS Core minimum Hours 80
6. CODE RESEARCH Core minimum Hours 120
7. DESIGN DEVELOPMENT Core minimum Hours 320
8. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS Core minimum Hours 1,080
9. SPECIFICATIONS AND MATERIALS RESEARCH Core minimum Hours 120
10. DOCUMENT CHECKING AND COORDINATION Core minimum Hours 80

1/4 hours →	C. PROJECT COST AND FEASIBILITY Core minimum Hours 40
3/4 hours →	C. CONSTRUCTION COST Core minimum Hours 120
1/3 hours →	D. PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS Core minimum Hours 60
2/3 hours →	D. CODES & REGULATIONS Core minimum Hours 120
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1. PRE-DESIGN

A. PROGRAMMING Core minimum Hours 80
B. SITE AND BUILDING ANALYSIS Core minimum Hours 80

2. DESIGN

A. SCHEMATIC DESIGN Core minimum Hours 320
B. ENGINEERING SYSTEMS Core minimum Hours 360
C. CONSTRUCTION COST Core minimum Hours 120
D. CODES & REGULATIONS Core minimum Hours 120
E. DESIGN DEVELOPMENT Core minimum Hours 320
F. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS Core minimum Hours 1,200
G. MATERIAL SELECTION AND SPECIFICATION Core minimum Hours 160

B. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

11. BIDDING & CONTRACT NEGOTIATION Core minimum Hours 80
12. CONSTRUCTION PHASE — OFFICE Core minimum Hours 120
13. CONSTRUCTION PHASE — OBSERVATION Core minimum Hours 120

3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

A. BIDDING AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATION Core minimum Hours 120
B. CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION Core minimum Hours 240
C. CONSTRUCTION PHASE: OBSERVATION Core minimum Hours 120

C. MANAGEMENT

14. PROJECT MANAGEMENT Core minimum Hours 120
15. OFFICE MANAGEMENT Core minimum Hours 80

D. GENERAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT Core minimum Hours 240

4. PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

A. BUSINESS OPERATIONS Core minimum Hours 80

D. RELATED ACTIVITIES

16. PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE Core minimum Hours 80

B. LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE Core minimum Hours 80
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HOW TO EARN 5,600 HOURS

CORE EXPERIENCE HOURS: 3,740

Experience earned in IDP 2.0 categories and areas. Core minimum hours are the minimum number of hours you must earn in a given experience category or area. Experience can be earned in any combination of experience setting A, experience setting O, and opportunities that qualify for core hours in experience setting S.

ELECTIVE EXPERIENCE HOURS: 1,860

You can earn elective hours in any experience area, or through certain supplemental experience opportunities for elective hours. Any hours earned in an experience area in excess of the core minimum hours required will count as elective hours.

1. PRE-DESIGN	260 CORE MINIMUM HOURS	Additional Hours in 1. Pre-Design
2. DESIGN	2,600 CORE MINIMUM HOURS	Additional Hours in 2. Design
3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT	720 CORE MINIMUM HOURS	Additional Hours in 3. Project Management
4. PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	160 CORE MINIMUM HOURS	Additional Hours in 4. Practice Management
All interns will be required to meet the 3,740 core minimum hours in IDP 2.0.		Supplemental Experience for Elective Hours
3,740 CORE MINIMUM HOURS		+ 1,860 = 5,600 TOTAL ELECTIVE HOURS TOTAL HOURS

In IDP 2.0, the 80 core minimum hours required in the experience area leadership and service will be reported through experience setting S. There is a maximum allowable of no more than 320 hours earned through Leadership and Service. For more information on opportunities to satisfy the Leadership and Service requirement, refer to the categories for Professional and Community Service as defined on page 33 of the current *IDP Guidelines*.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO IDP 2.0

Many schools have programs where interns work in firms as a part of their degree curriculum. Any internship that is integrated into your academic program, whether as a requirement or as an elective, is considered an academic internship. In IDP 2.0 interns may earn up to 930 hours of experience through qualifying academic internships that meet the durational requirements and are in experience setting A or O.

There will also be new flexibility to the licensure location requirement for IDP supervisors in most jurisdictions [See

sidebar on page 7]. The current program requires that IDP supervisors in certain work settings be licensed in the jurisdiction where they are located. In IDP 2.0, the definition of experience setting A and opportunities within O allows the IDP supervisor to be licensed in any U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction.

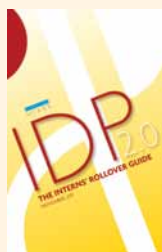
PREPARING YOURSELF

Plan ahead. All of your hours will roll over to the new program, but there are several things you can do to make the rollover smoother for yourself and prepare for the upcoming changes, like meeting with

your supervisor and mentor to go over your current progress. Discuss the areas that you can gain experience in between now and April, and look into supplementary education opportunities that may help you satisfy current requirements.

Do not wait until April 2 to submit your experience for the last six months. Report it now, and frequently report it between now and April. The more hours that are “submitted” and “approved” before the change, the easier the transition will be.

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RESOURCES

More information on the rollover can be found in *The Interns' IDP 2.0 Rollover Guide* and on NCARB's website. The official rules and requirements will be available in the new *IDP 2.0 Guidelines*, which will be available for download early next year. And as always, we're available by calling 202/879-0520.