

Planning on Being an Architect?

Step One: Meet Education Requirement

Earn a professional degree from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). Most accredited architectural programs are Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) or Master of Architecture (M.Arch), requiring five or six years of study.

Step Two: Meet Experience Requirement

The Intern Development Program (IDP) guides you in acquiring experience in areas of architectural practice.

Step Three: Meet Examination Requirement

The Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) assesses the knowledge and skills necessary to practice architecture independently.

IMPORTANT STEPS

Step Four: Meet Licensure Requirement

You must be licensed by a U.S. jurisdiction to be an architect. All U.S. jurisdictions require you to meet education, experience, and examination requirements prior to licensure.

Step Five: Get Certified

The NCARB Certificate is the final credential you should obtain. Certification recognizes licensed architects who meet the profession's highest standards. Certificate holders automatically qualify for reciprocal licensure in most jurisdictions and a growing number of foreign countries.

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