



PROFESSIONAL
CERTIFICATE

FOUNDATIONS OF INTERIOR DESIGN

*PUT YOUR INNOVATIVE
VISION TO WORK*

Turn your creativity into a career, and build a foundation in interior design in just one quarter.

- Understand best practices and principles in interior design
- Learn approaches to designing with lighting, space planning, color, and surface treatments
- Build familiarity with a spectrum of topics in color theory

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“The program at UCR Extension made all the difference in my path to becoming an interior designer. Without it, I would still be relying on my own intuition or “eye” for design. It helped me learn so much about the history, the technical part, the right way to design, and the business side. I was able to take this career to a new level by acquiring my own clients. I discovered abilities that I didn’t know I had!”

— Joselyn Rendon
Interior Designer
Belle Living Interior Design
and Owner of Joselyn
Rendon Interiors
Murrieta, CA

DESIGN AND PLAN FOR SUCCESS

If you have an eye for design or a knack for creativity, put your innovative vision to work by starting out with the basics in interior design. To give yourself a competitive edge, you’ll also need to learn how to sell your creativity using available resources, in compliance with laws, and using available technologies. Start and finish building your foundation in one quarter of courses.

First, learn the basics of interior design and how beautifully balanced places are made. Understand how lighting, space, color, and surface treatments all work together to combine a desired space. Through the entire spectrum of color theory topics, explore how color impacts a space and how to use it, from color mixing to color psychology. To supplement your foundation and to support your career direction, choose two electives from a list of 18 special topics, from color rendering to building codes to window treatments. Use your certificate to kickstart a new career or to reestablish your understanding of best practices in your existing career.

WHAT YOU’LL LEARN

- Best practices and principles in interior design
- Approaches to designing with lighting, space planning, color, and surface treatments
- A spectrum of topics in color theory, such as color interaction, symbolism, and color mixing, through lectures and lab exercises
- Two topics of your choice, including history of architectural design, space planning, building codes, drafting, decorating for the holidays, and CAD for interior design

WHO CAN BENEFIT

This program is designed for those wanting to pursue an education or career in interior design. Those who have an art or design background or already have experience in a field and want to reinforce their basic knowledge are also encouraged to apply.

ADMISSION

Take individual courses or fulfill all of the requirements to earn your UCR Extension certificate. Whichever you choose, you will gain the personal power that comes through learning new skills. Be assured that you are receiving education that is backed by the UC tradition of excellence.

HOW TO EARN THIS CERTIFICATE

Individuals must complete a total of 12 quarter units, with a grade of C or better.

INTRODUCTION TO INTERIOR DESIGN 3 UNITS

COLOR THEORY AND ITS APPLICATION 3 UNITS

ELECTIVES 6 UNITS

- This program can typically be completed within 3 months.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Prices, requirements and courses are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information:
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