

# Arts & Communications



## INTERIOR DESIGNER

Plan, design, and furnish interiors of residential, commercial, or industrial buildings. Formulate design which is practical, aesthetic, and conducive to intended purposes, such as raising productivity, selling merchandise, or improving life style. May specialize in a particular field, style, or phase of interior design.

### Knowledge and Skills Needed for this Career

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as an interior designer are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

*(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)*

### Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Interior designers	13.9%	31.4%	54.6%
Art and Design Workers	13.8%	30.3%	55.9%
Arts, Design, Sports Entertainment, & Media	15.9%	29.9%	54.2%

Most Common Educational/Training Level: Associate degree

Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit [www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm](http://www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm)

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing.

### National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2008		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$16.65	\$21.61	\$29.75
	Yearly	\$34,600	\$44,900	\$61,900
Missouri	Hourly	\$14.54	\$18.84	\$25.51
	Yearly	\$30,200	\$39,200	\$53,100

Based on (\*) lower 25% and (\*\*) upper 25% percentile of wages

### National and State Employment Trends

Interior Designer	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	71,900	85,900	+ 19%	3,310
Missouri	1,310	1,430	+ 2%	50

\*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

### Educational Opportunities

*Note: This list may not be all inclusive.*

*For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit [www.dhe.mo.gov](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)*

#### Maryville University of Saint Louis

Saint Louis, MO  
(800) 627-9855  
[www.maryville.edu](http://www.maryville.edu)

#### Park University

Parkville, MO  
(816) 741-2000  
[www.park.edu](http://www.park.edu)

#### Patricia Stevens College

Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 421-0949  
[www.patriciastevenscollege.edu](http://www.patriciastevenscollege.edu)

#### Saint Louis Community College - Meramec

Kirkwood, MO  
(314) 984-7500  
[www.stlcc.edu](http://www.stlcc.edu)

#### University of Central Missouri

Warrensburg, MO  
(660) 543-4111  
[www.ucmo.edu](http://www.ucmo.edu)



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