

## CAREER PROFILES

### Interior Designers and Interior Decorators:

**Interior Designers and Interior Decorators** conceptualize and produce aesthetic, functional and safe designs for interior spaces in residential, commercial, cultural, institutional and industrial buildings.

### Wage/Salary Information:

\$28,650 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$16.32/hour is the median wage reported locally.

### Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Marketing
- Oral and written communication
- Work independently
- Detail oriented
- Integrity
- Creativity
- Work ethics
- Management skills
- Time management
- Retail merchandising
- Microsoft Office
- Organizational skills
- High Energy
- Self-motivated
- Interior design
- AutoCAD
- Highly organized
- Retail sales
- Sales leadership
- Problem solving
- Bilingual
- Inventory Management
- Team player
- Basic computer skills
- Entrepreneurial
- Adobe Photoshop
- Artistic

### Job Duties:

Interior Designers and Interior Decorators consult with clients to determine needs, preferences, safety requirements and purpose of space and develop detailed plans and 3-D

models showing arrangement of walls, dividers, displays, lighting and other fixtures using computer-assisted design (CAD) software and graphics software. They develop plans, elevations, cross sections and detailed drawings, and advise on selection of colours, finishes and materials, floor and wall coverings, window treatments, interior and exterior lighting, furniture and other items, taking into account ergonomic and occupational health standards. Interior Designers and Interior Decorators estimate costs and materials required and may advise on leasing, real estate and marketing and prepare plans and specifications for the final interior designs in accordance with current practices and codes. They also work in a multidisciplinary environment and may direct site work crews and subcontractors.

Interior Designers are experts in the area of interior architecture, construction materials and building codes. They may specialize in designing interiors for residential, commercial, institutional, cultural and industrial buildings and for aircraft, ships or trains, trade shows and exhibitions.

Interior Decorators may specialize in decorating residential or commercial interior spaces, home staging, colour consulting and home organizing.

### Working Conditions:

Work takes place in a conventional indoor setting.

### Career Pathways:

Interior Designers and Decorators are employed by architectural and interior design firms, retail establishments, construction companies, hospitals, airlines, hotel and restaurant chains, and other establishments, or they may be self-employed. Below are potential career pathways for Interior Designers and Interior Decorators:

- Aircraft Interior Designer
- Interior Decorator
- Interior Design Technician
- Interior Designer
- Kitchen Designer
- Office Space Planner
- Retail Space Planner

Check out more possible career pathways on [WEexplore](#).

### Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming an interior designer and/or interior decorator, you can acquire training/education locally at any of the following institutions.

[St. Clair College:](#)

**Interior Design**

**Admission/Eligibility Requirements:** OSSD with the majority of courses at College (C), University (U), University/College (M), or Open (O) level.

**Academic Credential:** Three Year – Ontario College Advanced Diploma

**Professional Certification:** N/A

**Attendance:** In-person

**Full-time or Part-time:** Full-time

**Program Length:** 3 year

**Program Cycle:** September

**Program Cost:**

- Year 1: \$4,439.38
- Year 2: \$4,184.01
- Year 3: \$4,207.01
- Total: \$12,830.40

**OSAP Eligible:** Yes

**Location:** 201 Riverside Drive West, Windsor, N9A 5K4

For more information on this program, please visit:

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/postsec/interior/>

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