Why should programs become CIDA accredited?

We believe that accreditation is imperative for interior designers to be sought after professionals. CIDA is the only accrediting body specifically focused on interior design and is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation for professional-level interior design programs that culminate in a bachelor’s or master’s degree.

Over 18,000 students in 180+ CIDA-accredited interior design programs worldwide benefit from CIDA standards and quality assurance.

CIDA-accredited program graduates hold many successful positions in both education and practice and score an average of 16% higher on the NCIDQ Exam than non-CIDA graduates.

For more information on the CIDA Accreditation process, check out our website:

accredit-id.org/faculty-programs/accreditation-process/

NEW PROGRAMS SUBMIT APPLICATION

PROGRAM CONDUCTS SELF-STUDY
Programs independently evaluate current compliance with CIDA standards.

PREPARE FOR SITE VISIT
Schedule site visit and submit self-study report 8 weeks prior to site visit.

PARTICIPATE IN SITE VISIT
Site visitors arrive and conduct three-day review that involves participation of faculty, students and administration.

SUBMIT REPORT FOR REVIEW
Site visitors submit Visiting Team Report to CIDA for review and editing.

ACCREDITATION DECISION
After thorough review, the Accreditation Commission makes a final decision on the status of a program.

YEARS UNTIL NEXT REVIEW
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