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EDUCATION

For the High School Student: **Becoming an Architect**

There are many paths to becoming an architect. Most students interested in architecture study to receive a degree from a program that is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). Students may also attend two-year college or earn bachelor's degrees in other subjects. However, those students must receive additional education in order to qualify for licensure. Please visit the section on the "Architecture Education" for more information.

Generally speaking, a person becomes an architect by taking the following actions:

1. Earn an accredited degree in architecture.
2. Participate in the Intern Develop Program (IDP).
3. Pass the Architect Registration Exam (ARE).

These three things correspond with the "Three E's" of architecture: Education, Experience and Examination. Please note that these three activities do not necessarily occur in a linear fashion.

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