

AIA Iowa

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EDUCATION

For the High School Student: **Careers in Architecture**

Included below are lists of places where you might look for an internship or a permanent position after graduation, followed by a list of career paths that reflect specific positions pursued by recent graduates (from ISU).

Please note that some careers require additional education beyond the bachelor's degree.

Private Consulting Practice

- Architecture firms
- Architecture/engineering firms
- Architecture units within engineering firms
- Construction management firms
- Design/build firms

Corporate/Institutional Practice

- Cultural and historic resource organizations
- Design sections of contracting companies
- Facilities departments within private corporations, hospitals or universities
- Universities and colleges

Public Practice

- Federal, state, regional and local agencies that have architecture and urban planning sections
- Municipal and state offices that have building code and inspection agencies
- Municipal and state offices that have planning, urban design or architecture divisions

Career Paths

- Architectural construction materials and technology specialty
- Architectural design
- Architectural firm management
- Architectural illustration/rendering, modeling, and computer imaging
- Architectural journalism
- Architectural photography
- Building product design and manufacture
- Furniture and lighting design
- Historic preservation and restoration
- In-house design for corporations, hospitals and other multi-building owners
- Program management (oversee design and construction of major projects for clients)
- Space planning and interior architecture
- Specialty design: residential, hospitals, libraries, museums, retail, business and corporate architecture, hotels and resorts, government buildings, prisons, churches, malls, theme parks, etc.
- Theater and stage production set design
- Urban design
- Video and film production

Career paths for which additional education/training is required

- Construction law practice
- University and college teaching, research and administration
- Movie and theater industries

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