



How do I become an architect?

To be identified as an architect you must be licensed by the state you wish to practice in; this entails taking and passing an Architectural Registration Examination, which is administered by the [National Architecture Accrediting Board](#) (NAAB) and the [National Council of Architectural Registration Boards](#) (NCARB). To qualify to sit for the exam, your education must include completing a professional degree in Architecture from an NAAB program. After the completion of your degree you must then complete the Intern Development Program (IDP). This program is required by law in 44 states. It is possible to begin the IDP program after completing the third year in Architectural school. You must register for this through the NCARB. Upon completion of your degree and IDP you are qualified to take the Architectural Registration Exam (ARE). It takes progressive steps to complete the Architect journey.