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Continuing education in interior design emphasizes competencies, knowledge and skills in a specific subject with the long-term goal of enhancing an individual's performance. Learning experiences focus on the thought, action and reaction skills necessary for interior designers to maintain an advanced level of professionalism.

#### **What is a CEU?**

A CEU is a continuing education unit. One clock hour of instruction equates (excluding breaks and meals) to .1 CEU; therefore 1.0 CEU is equal to ten contact hours of instruction.

**Who needs CEU's?** Currently, 18 states require licensed or registered interior designers to meet additional continuing education requirements: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, DC and Wisconsin. Professional design trade associations such ASID, IIDA and AIA also require their members to earn CEU credits to renew and continue to be members. ALL ASID members are required to take 0.6, or 6 hours of CEU credits in a 2 year reporting period. IIDA Professional and Associate Members are required to complete and report 1.0 CEU (10 hours) of Continuing Education prior to December 31, 2015.

#### **What is IDCEC?**

IDCEC is the Interior Design Continuing Education Council. IDCEC has four core member organizations – the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), Interior Designers of Canada (IDC), Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC), and International Interior Design Association (IIDA). The stated purpose of IDCEC is to promote life-long learning for the interior designer, to serve as a central clearinghouse for the sharing of CEU information, approval and registration, and to provide strategic planning for CEU programming and activity. There is reciprocity among members of the IDCEC for approved courses. IDCEC includes core members: ASID, IIDA, IDC, IDEC. A course approved for CEU credit by IDCEC is automatically accepted by all member organizations.



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**How are CEUs in interior design developed?** Continuing education in interior design is coordinated through the professional development committees of IDCEC member organizations. All continuing education courses approved by IDCEC go through a rigorous approval process. In order to have a CEU approved, instructors must submit proposals to one of the IDCEC member organizations. Each course submission is reviewed by the sponsoring organization and at least four members of IDCEC.

**What criteria must CEU courses meet?** Course content must focus on specific applications and/or knowledge that are directly related to the practice of interior design. Subject matter must be generic in nature—product-oriented material and the promotion of products, services, books, video or audiotapes is strictly prohibited.