



Thinking about a career in Building Design?

Design/Pre-Construction is a program of study in the **Architecture and Construction Career Cluster**. A Career Cluster is a grouping of occupations and broad industries based on commonalities. There are 16 Career Clusters.

Career clusters link what students learn in school with the knowledge and skills they need for success in college and careers. The Architecture and Construction Career Cluster prepares learners for careers in designing, planning, managing, building, and maintaining the built environment.

There are three programs of study in this cluster:

- Construction
- Design/Pre-Construction
- Maintenance/Operations

Employment Outlook

The employment outlook for **Architects** is good. Architects are in charge of planning and designing all types of buildings and structures. Job growth for architects will vary geographically, economically, and from one type of architecture to another. In times of economic downturn, jobs in retail construction may decline. At the same time, jobs for institutional architects who design buildings such as schools and hospitals will grow. Nationally, salaries for architects range from \$41,320 to \$119,220 (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-2009).

Using this brochure

Inside you will find a suggested **program of study** that has lots of helpful information. The model is an example of the types of courses and extended learning experiences that are important for the **Design/Pre-Construction Program of Study**. Use this model to plan your course schedule, educational experiences, and career choices.

At the top of the model, you will find **career goals** with the corresponding **O*NET code**. The O*NET code is an official classification of jobs and can be used to locate career-related information. Your teacher, counselor, or media center should be able to help you locate further information.

The upper left side of the model highlights the **core courses and career-related electives** in high school that will help prepare you for your career goal. This model is based upon the Recommended High School Program graduation plan and can easily be adapted for the Distinguished Achievement High School Program graduation plan.

The upper right side of the model highlights examples of **extended learning experiences** that can enhance your knowledge and skills for your career goal. You will find examples of curricular activities, such as participation in Career and Technical Student Organizations like SkillsUSA, career learning experiences, service learning activities, and extracurricular activities.

The lower left side of the model indicates **industry licensures/certifications** and **on-the-job training experiences** that may be available while still in high school. This section also highlights the various levels of **postsecondary education** and examples of **career options** available to you once you have completed that level of education and training.

The lower right side of the model contains examples of **professional associations** available for architecture and construction professionals. Many organizations allow preprofessional membership while enrolled in a postsecondary program. Most organizations have websites which can be easily located by entering the organization name in available search engines.



<http://www.achievetexas.org>

This program of study may be for you! Professionals in the Design and Pre-Construction program of study create designs for the construction of cities, homes, and highways. They turn ideas into plans. Look inside to see the suggested coursework and learning opportunities that will prepare you for an exciting and rewarding career.