Architecture and interior design – you can’t have one without the other, and at College of the Canyons it is possible to get training in both fields and prepare for exciting career opportunities.

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING
Architect Philip Johnson once said that all architecture is shelter, but that great architecture is the design of space that stimulates the person in that space.

Are you interested in a job where you can literally play a role in how communities, living spaces and workplaces take shape? Do you want to develop your creative side and put it to work? College of the Canyons’ Architectural Drafting and Technology program may be the perfect fit for you.

Through COC’s program, you can prepare for a career as an architectural drafter or in a related field, or to transfer to a four- or five-year architecture program. Drafting technicians are in short supply but in continually high demand in California, creating a great opportunity for students.

The curriculum at COC offers both an associate’s degree and certificate of achievement in Architectural Drafting and Technology, and certificate of specialization in Computer-Aided Drafting. The primary purpose of the associate’s program is to prepare a portfolio for transfer to an architectural degree program. The skills learned at COC include computer-aided drawing, current practices in architectural drafting, construction technology, 2-D drawings, 3-D models and development of a portfolio.

With the ever-changing face of development in California, graduates leave COC with extensive training in sustainable design practices and how they relate to federal LEED certification, California Green Code Compliance and sustainable architectural building design.

INTERIOR DESIGN
Do you often walk into a room and find yourself mentally critiquing it, moving objects around and finally making it over? From corporate America to individual homeowners, professionals are in demand to help create or enhance living and working environments. Preparation for careers in this rapidly growing field includes learning the elements of design and decorating, furniture designs from historical periods, space planning, and computer-assisted design.

Interior designers are trained to collaborate with architects, other designers, and contractors in a variety of projects ranging from renovations, to restoration, to furniture design and construction, as well as green design related to energy efficiency and renewable resources.

A career in interior design can run the gamut from putting knowledge and aesthetics to use in designing home or business spaces, selecting and purchasing interior space furnishings, or decorating sets for the film and TV industry.

“Our faculty involves students in competitions, supports them in community outreach design projects and helps them find jobs and internships,” said Dorothy Minarsch, Department Chair, Architecture and Interior Design. “We care about their experience in the classroom and their future success in transfer schools and the job market.”

The versatile curriculum provided at COC offers an associate’s degree in interior design as well as certificates in interior design, interior decorating merchandising, set decorating and home staging. However, COC’s interior design program goes well beyond classroom studies.

Minarsch said everyone can be successful if they work hard, and that she’s inspired to see how students continue to graduate from COC’s program and transition into design careers.

Jacqui Mendoza graduated in 2013 with an AS degree in Interior Design and said COC’s program was excellent in equipping her to enter the job market with a job as a design assistant in Santa Monica.

“A week before the semester started at a different school, I did my research and decided to take courses at College of the Canyons, which was far more affordable and had a better selection of classes available,” she said. “Dorothy and the entire department do a fantastic job keeping their ear to ground with what hiring companies are looking for and implement changes quickly to make sure students are well-equipped after graduating.”

Minarsch said trends she observes continue to be “bringing the outside in” and incorporating garden elements. She said designers need to be trained in several areas of design, including landscape, kitchen and bath design, home staging, sustainable practices, as well as possess the necessary software skills (SketchUP, Photoshop, Illustrator, AutoCAD, Revit).”

For more information about COC’s Architecture and Interior Design programs, please contact Dorothy Minarsch at Dorothy.Minarsch@Canyons.edu or (661) 362-3989.
Dorothy Minarsch is a Certified Interior Designer (CID) and member of the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC). She worked in the interior design industry for 12 years as Minarsch Designs, specializing in high end residential design in Orange County, Pasadena and San Marino and commercial design, mostly medical facilities.

Her commitment to education extends far beyond the college walls and into the local community. For Christmas 2012, she led a team of students on an eight month project to decorate a West Ranch home for the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital’s Holiday Home Tour, which raised funds for their new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. To further help the cause, she opened the Habitat Lounge in Westfield Valencia Town Center during the spring/summer months, as an outreach effort to showcase the project to the community and to those planning to visit Santa Clarita during the holidays.

She also led a team of several architecture/interior design faculty and students on a 35,000 square foot nonprofit project for the new Higher Vision Church campus in Valencia, which opened last summer.

After creating a model for William S. Hart Union High School District’s interior design program to be taught through the Regional Occupational Program (ROP), Minarsch was offered one teaching position after another. She accepted a full time position with COC in 1999 and is responsible for developing associate’s degrees in architecture and interior design, as well as multiple certificate programs.

“I realized that I loved teaching and that students responded to me in a very positive manner,” Minarsch said. With more than 400 students currently majoring in both architecture and interior design, she is in the process of developing an interdisciplinary Sustainable Development and Environmental Design certificate. Minarsch was the first instructor to develop a comprehensive course in sustainability with a lab component, and all courses are infused with sustainable design instruction.

Minarsch prides herself on having a wonderful, talented faculty who work in the industry and bring to the classroom real world experience. That dedication and hard work really pays off.

“Hands down, the best part of my job is about student success, and watching them grow from first semester shy, insecure ‘want to be designers’ to creative, robust, confident graduates who become successful designers, or transfer to four year schools,” she said. “Many stay in contact with me, and I’m often invited to their weddings, baby showers and family gatherings. Knowing that I’ve touched their lives in a positive way makes the late and long work hours worth every minute!”
Courses Offered in Interior Design

- Art and Accessories in Interior Design (ID 091)
- Home Staging for Interiors (ID 093)
- Careers in Interior Design (ID 100)
- Introduction to Interior Design (ID 101A)
- Interior Design Lab (ID 101B)
- Applied Color for Designers (ID 102)
- Perspective and Interior Illustration (ID 103)
- Rapid Visualization and Illustration (ID 104)
- Production Design for TV and Film (ID 105)
- Trade Resources for TV and Film (ID 106)
- Architectural Drafting I (ID 110)
- Kitchen and Bath Design (ID 111)
- Interior Design Materials and Specifications (ID 113)
- History of Architecture and Interiors: Egyptian to Classical Revival (ID 114)
- History of Architecture and Interiors: Classical Revival to Present (ID 115)
- Space Planning: Commercial (ID 190)
- Residential Design (ID 207)
- Advanced Interior Design Studio I: Residential (ID 217)
- Portfolio (ID 219)
- Professional Practices for Interior Design (ID 295)

Get a Closer Look!
Visit these links to watch a 2-minute video on our programs, and learn more about exciting career opportunities.

INTERIOR DESIGN
- TinyURL.com/COCinteriordesign

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING
- TinyURL.com/COCarchitecture

Courses Offered in Architecture

- Careers in Architecture, Interior Design and Related Fields (ARCHT 100)
- Architectural Drafting I (ARCHT 110)
- Design I - Elements of Architectural Design (ARCHT 120)
- Materials and Methods of Construction (ARCHT 140)
- AutoCAD for Architecture and Interior Design (ARCHT 160)
- Codes and Zoning Regulations (ARCHT 180)
- Design II - Space Planning (ARCHT 190)
- Architectural Design Portfolio (ARCHT 240)
- Sustainable Development and Environmental Design (ARCHT 200A)
- Design III - Environmental Design LAB (ARCHT 200B)
- Architectural Drafting II (ARCHT 220)
- CAD 3-D Modeling/Animation (ARCHT 270)
- Design IV- Advanced Design (ARCHT 280)

Careers on the Go Coming this Fall

Presented in a panel format, Careers on the Go workshops are designed to help attendees with career exploration with industry professionals serving as guest speakers. Attendees hear first-hand how our guests got to where they are and the type of training and education they look for in new hires. Events are geared toward individuals who are not quite sure what they want to do, and for those who have chosen that career path and want to learn more about the field. Workshops are free and open to students and the public. Visit www.canyons.edu/cog to register.

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