



Council
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Accreditation

Summary of Accreditation Decision

Northern Arizona University, Scottsdale

In order to be accredited, an interior design program must demonstrate achievement of Council for Interior Design Accreditation ([CIDA Professional Standards](#)), which are evaluated within the context and overarching purpose and intent of the program. CIDA accreditation standards broadly address the evolving components of graduate preparation for interior design practice, including:

- critical thinking, professional values, and processes that provide the framework of interior design practice;
- core design and technical knowledge that provide the historical, theoretical, and technical contents of interior design practice.

CIDA accreditation standards also address the institutional systems, structures, and resources that are fundamental to providing an effective higher education learning environment for interior design.

Probation is an accreditation status that indicates critical weaknesses have been identified in an accredited program that require improvement in order for the program to maintain accreditation. The interior design program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Interior Design degree was placed on probation due to weaknesses identified in Standards 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, and 11. A probation visit is required in spring 2026 to assess the program's ongoing improvement and continued compliance with CIDA Standards.