

Is the Interior
Decorating program
right for me?

Decorate MORE.

Interior Decorating (INDC) two years | four semesters | one field placement

Decorating is the art of creating distinctive interior environments that respond to functional needs and aesthetic perceptions. As an interior decorator, you'll plan space, beautify, furnish and embellish interiors and provide documentation of your design concepts that result in a composition that conveys a sense of place.

Program focus

FIRST YEAR:

You'll learn the theories of beauty; elements and principles of design; processes related to decorating projects; design and decorating history; product awareness and sourcing; and fundamental drafting and drawing.

SECOND YEAR:

This studio-based time includes hands-on decorating projects; preparing industry-standard documentation; real client experiences; product research and sourcing; direct exposure to industry suppliers and product merchandising; professional practice and entrepreneurial activities; and advanced manual and computer-based drafting, drawing and rendering.

Program workload and expectations

- 18 to 21 hours of classes a week
- 6 to 7 courses per semester
- moderate math, written, communication and computer skills

Keys to success

- strong communication skills
- self-starter, reliable, dependable, and respectful
- self-directed with ability to prioritize, meet deadlines and work both independently and within a team environment
- professional decision-making skills
- attention to detail
- active participant in the program with an entrepreneurial focused career path

Career opportunities

- perform assigned tasks and daily duties, relating to retail sales
- provide entry-level colour, flooring, lighting, furnishing or window treatment consultations to the residential market
- service the construction industry, residential estate developers and the general public as a showroom assistant or product specialist
- provide decorating services and specify finishes for new home and condo buyers

Typical employers

- interior decorating studios/ firms/stores
- residential and condo building contractors and estate developers
- home decor retailers and specialty/ custom decorating centres
- real estate staging consultants
- freelance interior decorator

Field placement

Field placement is a mandatory component and takes place in fourth semester

Admission requirements

Applicants to this program do not require a portfolio of work, drawing or drafting skills for admission. All required skills relating to decorating and college fundamentals are taught during the program.

Technology requirements

You should have access to a PC when working remotely for the best compatibility with software used in the program.