

# What is IDP and how can it help me?

...why should I bother?

## Overview

IDP, the Intern Development Program, was created in the 1970's by NCARB, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, to aid interns in acquiring the comprehensive experience necessary to become an architect. IDP is now an essential step in the path to achieving the goal of licensure.

The necessary steps to licensure include:

- a. Education: graduating from an NAAB-accredited program. For additional information see p.4 of the IDP Guidelines at:  
[http://www.ncarb.org/en/Experience-Through-Internships/-/media/Files/PDF/Guidelines/IDP\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.ncarb.org/en/Experience-Through-Internships/-/media/Files/PDF/Guidelines/IDP_Guidelines.pdf)
- b. Experience: experience begins with establishing an **NCARB record**, documenting your **IDP Eligibility date** and then recording your time in the various experience categories and areas.
- c. Examination: taking the ARE to satisfy the examination requirements of your jurisdiction.

## How to get started

1. To begin refer to the PDF entitled **How can I get started with IDP?** This will provide additional information on the IDP Guidelines and IDP Eligibility Date forms.

## Then...

By establishing an NCARB record you can begin to accrue IDP credit in a number of ways while you are a student including:

- A. Attending lectures - refer to the PDF **Is it true I can get IDP credit for attending a lecture?**
- B. Going on an Internship in your 4<sup>th</sup> year - refer to the PDF **Is it true I can get IDP credit for Internship?**
- C. Signing up to be a GTA - refer to the PDF **Is it true I can get IDP credit for being a teaching assistant?**
- D. Joining and actively participating in AIAS - refer to the PDF **Can I get IDP credit for joining AIAS?**
- E. Entering a design competition - refer to the PDF **Is it true I can get IDP credit for entering a design competition?**
- F. Visiting a construction site with a mentor - refer to the PDF **Is it true I can get IDP credit for visiting a construction site?**
- G. Working in the profession- refer to the PDF **How can get IDP credit for working in the profession?**
- H. Get a construction job- refer to the PDF **How can get IDP credit for working construction?**
- I. And more to come...

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**Don't delay, get started TODAY!**

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