

M.ARCH CAREER RESOURCES

ASSOCIATIONS

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (AIA)

Based in Washington, D.C., the AIA has been the leading professional membership association for licensed architects, emerging professionals, and allied partners since 1857. The AIA serves as a resource to practicing architects accessible through more than 300 state and local chapters. The local chapter in the Boston area, the BSA (Boston Society of Architects see below) is one of the most active nationally and a great resource for students as well as professionals. As a provider of information for the architectural community as well as their advocate, the AIA promotes design excellence, provides web based resources, has set the standard for contract documents used in the construction industry, and sponsors continuing education, conferences, and exhibitions to the industry. *Visit aia.org for more information.*

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS (AIAS)

See the description on the Student Organizations page. Toward an Evolution of Studio Culture. *Visit aias.org for more information.*

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION BOARDS (NCARB)

NCARB protects the public health, safety, and welfare by leading the regulation of the practice of architecture through the development and application of standards for licensure and credentialing of architects. NCARB members are the architectural registration boards of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and three U.S. territories (Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands). Each registration board has state-appointed public and professional members as well as an administrator. NCARB resource document: Handbook for Interns and Architects. *Visit ncarb.org for more information.*

THE EMERGING PROFESSIONAL'S COMPANION (EPC)

The Emerging Professional's Companion is a online resource developed by the AIA and NCARB primarily for use by interns in gaining IDP credit. The Companion can also be used by educators, young architects, AIA components, and firms in a variety of ways to enhance or create new learning opportunities. *Visit epcompanion.org for more information.*

ARCHCAREERS

ARCHcareers, a resource provided by the AIA and AIAS, includes information on the profession of architecture, from education to internships and experience, examination and licensure, professional development, and other resources. *Visit archcareers.org.*

NORTHEAST SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION (NESEA)

NESEA is the nation's leading regional membership organization promoting sustainable energy solutions. NESEA's largest programs include professional development conferences for renewable energy, including the Building Energy Conference & Trade Show. *Visit nesea.org for more information.*

U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL (USGBC)

The USGBC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community of leaders working to make green buildings available to everyone within a generation. Sign up for courses and workshops, learn about Greenbuild, explore green-building research and become a LEED AP or Green Associate. *Visit usgbc.org for more information.*

BOSTON SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS (BSA)

The BSA administers programs and provides resources that enhance the practice of architecture and the public and professional understanding of design. Since its establishment in 1867, this nonprofit professional service organization has been a committed advocate of excellence in the built environment and increased service of the profession to society. *Visit architects.org for more information.*

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE (ACSA)

ACSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, membership association founded in 1912 to advance the quality of architectural education. It provides a forum for ideas on the leading edge of architectural thought. Issues that will affect the architectural profession in the future are being examined today in ACSA member schools. The association maintains a variety of activities that influence, communicate and record important issues. Such endeavors include scholarly meetings, workshops, publications, awards and competition programs, support for architectural research, policy development and liaison with allied organizations. *Visit acsa-arch.org for more information.*

NATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL ACCREDITING BOARD (NAAB)

NAAB is the sole agency authorized to accredit professional degree programs in architecture in the United States. Since most US state registration boards require any applicant for licensure to have graduated from a NAAB-accredited program, obtaining such a degree is an essential aspect of preparing for the professional practice of architecture. While graduation from a NAAB-accredited program does not assure registration, the accrediting process is intended to verify that each accredited program substantially meets those standards that, as a whole, comprise an appropriate education for an architect. The mission of the NAAB is leadership in, and the establishment of, educational quality assurance standards to enhance the value, relevance and effectiveness of the architectural profession. *Visit naab.org for more information.*