



# INFORMATION PACK

## DIPLOMA IN INTERIOR DESIGN

BHC School of Design is a highly respected, single purpose provider of design education, and currently offers a comprehensive three year full-time Diploma in Interior Design. This programme has been designed in response to the needs of the design industry and is structured to integrate the latest industry developments into the delivery of the programme.

### COURSE OVERVIEW

- 3 Years Full Time
- 360 Credits
- All communication, facilitation, assessments and moderation are conducted in English
- Mode of instruction include lectures, tutorials, practical workplace training, assisted studio learning and industry outings.
- SAQA Reg No: 79307

### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

#### 1st YEAR

In first year the learning curve is steep yet rewarding as you find yourself immersed in the world of interior design. You will learn the fundamental knowledge and skills required to prepare a design proposal for a variety of domestic and commercial interiors, using both hand drawn and computer generated drawings.

You will be introduced to the design development cycle and will be encouraged to think creatively when applying problem solving skills. You will use the design principles and knowledge of historical styles and influences when developing a design concept.

Your understanding of the process of building construction will be developed and your knowledge of materials and their applications will be increased through interaction with industry professionals.

1st YEAR PROGRAMMES	NQF	CREDITS
Practical Interior Design I	5	60
2D AutoCAD I	5	5
Building Construction I	5	10
Detail Design I	5	2
History Studies I	5	10
Materials I	5	10
Sketching I	5	8
Technical Drawing I	5	15

## 2nd YEAR

In second year you will have the opportunity to refine your skills and will be encouraged to deepen your understanding of the principles of design, ergonomics and space planning.

You will be encouraged to work with various formats and mediums and access your most creative and lateral thinking processes when answering briefs.

This year will also focus on developing your technical understanding and ability and will introduce you to the management of a design project, inclusive of budgets, schedules and contracts.

2nd YEAR PROGRAMMES	NQF	CREDITS
Practical Interior Design II	6	65
Technical Services I	6	10
Professional Practice I	6	10
Detail Design II	6	10
History Studies II	6	10
Materials II	6	10
Sketching II	6	3
Sketch Up Pro (Elective)	6	5
Revit Essentials (Elective)	6	5

## 3rd YEAR

The aim of third year is to prepare you for the world of work by developing confidence and professionalism in yourself and your work. To achieve this, you will be placed within a design practice for a month where you will be able to experience the industry while under the guidance of a mentor.

You will also have the opportunity to work on “live projects” with real clients, participate in design competitions as well as prepare a design portfolio that demonstrates your knowledge, skills and personal design style.

In your final year, you will be expected to work more independently and to conduct in-depth research in order to develop a personal design view.

3rd YEAR PROGRAMMES	NQF	CREDITS
Practical Interior Design III	7	60
Contemporary Studies I	7	10
Professional Practice II	7	10
Detail Design III	7	10
Experiential Learning I	6	15
Council Submission I	6	10
Digital Rendering I	6	5

## ASSESSMENT

Under the broad context of outcomes based education, BHC School of Design adopts a continuous assessment approach, which includes formal and practical assessment, appropriate for the vocational relevance of the programme. Assessment criteria are clearly set out and communicated to learners and all assessment outcomes are made available for verification and appeal. Assessment of exit level courses will be conducted internally and externally by field specialists and appropriately qualified individuals.

## ACADEMIC CREDIT ACCUMULATION

In order to receive the Diploma in Interior Design (360 credits); the learner must successfully demonstrate that s/he is competent in all the exit level outcomes of the programme and must have accumulated all the credits assigned to the qualification. Credits will only be awarded in full and no partial credits will be awarded to any learner.

Students may not register for a course at a higher level until they have successfully satisfied the outcomes of a course at a lower level. E.g. A student must pass Materials I before s/he can register for Materials II.

## CERTIFICATION & AWARDS

Upon successful completion of the three-year full-time programme, students are awarded a Diploma in Interior Design. Students receive their certificates and awards at the annual BHC graduation ceremony held each December. BHC offers awards for academic and design excellence to promote and recognise students who excel in their studies.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Each academic year consists of 4 terms.
- Classes are from 09h00 to 14h00.
- Students may also be required to complete various assignments and presentations in the afternoons and evenings, and are encouraged to stay and work in the studio until 17h00.
- The institution is open from 08h00 to 17h00 everyday of the week, except for Public Holidays.
- Term dates for the following academic year will only be finalized towards the end of a current academic year.