



In order to get the word out about licensure and certification, NCARB has begun a significant outreach effort. In the past year alone, NCARB staff has conducted 77 live presentations and 15 webinars ... and reached more than 7,500 students, interns, and architects.

DEMYSTIFYING THE PATH TO LICENSURE: NCARB'S OUTREACH PUSH

Can you remember when you decided to become an architect? Maybe it was when you played with Legos as a child, or while taking a drafting class with an inspirational instructor, or when touring a building designed by a famous architect. Regardless of what made you choose the profession, you probably didn't have any idea of the steps you'd needed to take to achieve your dream.

NCARB has developed an outreach program to help aspiring architects navigate the path to licensure and certification by explaining the education, experience, and examination requirements. The goal of the program is to provide greater clarity to the process in general, and greater transparency of NCARB's role in the process.

The outreach efforts include live presentations and online webinars by NCARB staff members from the Intern Development Program (IDP), Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®), Education, and Records directorates. They address topics such as how NCARB works as an organization, how to begin an NCARB Record, how to progress successfully through the IDP, what to anticipate with the newly

implemented ARE 4.0, how to obtain a license, and the value of NCARB certification.

"We really appreciated NCARB's visit to the Penn State Architecture Department in September," said Robert J. Holland, AIA, Associate Professor of Architecture at Pennsylvania State University. "This is a valuable aspect of NCARB's outreach efforts as it provided an opportunity for a large number of aspiring architects to not only have their questions answered about IDP and ARE, but also to hear IDP and ARE success stories from young architects."

In addition, a variety of webcasts and podcasts—covering issues such as ARE Security, the Six-Month Rule, IDP 2.0, and Supervisor Guidelines—can be downloaded from NCARB's newly redesigned web site. You'll also find a wealth of up-to-date information about the NCARB programs and links to many useful documents including the most current versions of the *ARE*, *IDP*, *Education*, and *Supervisor Guidelines*.

NCARB also reaches out to its constituents through print and electronic newsletters

such as the *ARE e-News*, *IDP e-News*, the newly developed *IDP Supervisor e-News*, *e-Connection*, and *Direct Connection*. By signing up for these publications, you can have program updates and reminders delivered directly to your inbox or mail box. To sign up for the publications go to www.ncarb.org/Publications.aspx.

"In the last year NCARB has really stepped up its efforts to get timely and useful information out to the public," said Northern California IDP State Coordinator Haley Gipe, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP. "They educate and empower interns by providing correct information, current resources, and the knowledge of where or who to go to when they have questions."

NCARB staff members are available to talk—either in person, if schedule permits, or through a live webinar—to groups at schools and universities, AIA events, or large firms. If you have a group of students, interns, or supervisors interested in learning more about the IDP, ARE, certification, and NCARB, contact Martin Smith, AIA, Manager, IDP, at msmith@ncarb.org or 202/879-0502. **DC**