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Leveraging Science for People-Centered Design

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Register for New CE Series: People-Centered Design »

Experience how insights from the science of people can transform design thinking and practice with a multi-session webinar series on select dates between now and November 13. This continuing education series explores how human factors, neuroscience, psychology, and aesthetics impact how people experience the built environment.

[Explore Webinar Series](#)

FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION

Historic Preservation: What Is Historic?

This course discusses how to determine what makes a building or site historic, how to evaluate historic buildings and their conditions, and how to develop their design and preservation approaches and processes.

[Earn 2.75 HSW LUs »](#)

WHAT'S NEW AT NCARB

Diversity Increases in Architect and Candidate Population in 2025

Even though growth in some areas remains slow, the 2026 [NCARB by the Numbers](#) report reveals incremental growth across gender and race year-over-year at all levels of the profession.

[See Data on Diversity »](#)

Get to Know President John Rademacher

With decades of experience in community-focused practice and service to the profession, Ohio architect and FY27 NCARB President John Patrick Rademacher, NCARB, AIA, NOMA, is dedicated to working alongside the 55 U.S. jurisdictional licensing boards to shape the future of the architectural licensure.

[Watch President's Video »](#)

Where Do We Go From Here? NCARB's Latest Podcast Episode

The eighth and final episode of the NCARB Podcast about Pathways to Practice is now available. This episode explores the policy and regulatory steps needed to implement new licensure pathways, as well as what candidates and architects can expect in the years ahead.

[Listen to Podcast »](#)

Professional Practice Professors Meet in Memphis

This year's NCARB Scholars in Professional Practice program brought together 16 faculty and professional practice educators from architecture schools nationwide to explore innovative approaches for preparing the next generation of architects.

[Meet NCARB Scholars »](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Serve on a Licensing Board »

Service on a state licensing board is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the development of architectural regulatory policies that protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

10 state licensing boards are currently seeking volunteer architects and members of the public. [Learn more about the roles of state licensing boards](#), explore [how to serve](#), or contact us at council-relations@ncarb.org for more information.

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