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New AXP Candidate Trends »

NCARB made several updates to the Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®) in 2025, including a more flexible reporting policy. As a result, data from *2026 NCARB by the Numbers* shows an above-average number of candidates completing the AXP, as well as a drop in the average time to complete the program.

Explore the Data

Experience Area Spotlight: Programming & Analysis »

The Programming & Analysis experience area covers the first phase of a project, which focuses on researching and evaluating client requirements, building code and zoning regulations, and site data to develop recommendations on a project’s feasibility. Download the *AXP Guidelines* to see which of the 16 competencies fall under Programming & Analysis!

Reminder: Take Advantage of NCARB’s Free CE Courses for AXP Supervisors »

As a supervisor, you play a crucial role in helping licensure candidates navigate the AXP—so it’s important that you’re familiar with the program’s requirements. We’ve updated our free Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW) continuing education *courses for AXP supervisors* to ensure you have the latest program information.

Understand the Updates to NCARB’s Competency Standard »

The updated version of the *NCARB Competency Standard for Architects* includes detailed criteria to provide greater clarity on the expected level of competency required for newly licensed architects, as well as commentary explaining terminology used throughout the document.

CE Webinar Series: Leveraging Science for People-Centered Design »

This fall, join our new *online workshop series* taught by award-winning architect and educator Milton Shinberg, AIA. Eligible for Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW) credit, the multi-part immersive course series translates insights from neuroscience and psychology into actionable strategies for designing healthier, safer, and more responsive spaces.

Listen: What’s Next for Architectural Licensing »

What policy and regulatory steps are needed to implement new licensure pathways? And what can candidates and architects expect in the years ahead with Pathways to Practice? Host Andy McIntyre dives into these questions and more in the *season two finale* of the NCARB Podcast.

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