EDUCATION
To earn a license in most states and territories, you'll need to graduate from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

EXPERIENCE
Once you graduate high school, you can gain real-world experience by completing the Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®).

EXAMINATION
To finish the process of earning your architecture license, you'll need to take and pass the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®).

LICENSURE
After you've met your state's requirements for education, experience, and examination, you can apply for a license. Now you're officially an architect!

CERTIFICATION
As an architect, you can apply for the NCARB Certificate, a valuable credential that helps you earn licenses in additional states.

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) provides the resources you need to advance from student to practicing architect. Learn more at destinationarchitect.org—your guide to becoming an architect!