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New Data Insights Into the AXP »

In 2025, the average time to complete the Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®) fell significantly as a result of changes to the program’s reporting policy. According to 2026 *NCARB by the Numbers*, candidates who completed the AXP took an average of 4.3 years to complete the program, 6 months faster than those who completed it in 2024.

Explore Data Trends

EXPERIENCE AREA HIGHLIGHT

Project Planning & Design »

Project Planning & Design covers the schematic design phase of a project. You’ll learn to lay out the building design, review building codes and regulations, coordinate schematics with consultants, and communicate design concepts with your client. This experience area includes knowledge and skills developed as part of competencies four, five, and six from the *Competency Standard*.

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About Your AXP Supervisor »

Finding a firm that will support your path to licensure by providing you with the work opportunities you need is essential. Support can come in a variety of ways, and you may need to ask for guidance, financial support, or mentorship. Check out this resource on how to navigate any issues with your AXP supervisor and [use NOMA and NCARB’s Guide: Finding an Employer to Support your Licensure Goals](#).

AXP NEWS

Updates to the NCARB Competency Standard for Architects »

NCARB recently made updates to the *Competency Standard*, including specific criteria for each of the 16 competencies needed to practice architecture. If you’re currently working toward an architecture license, the specific measurement criteria for each competency can serve as a guidepost to [what skills you should focus on](#) while you complete the AXP.

ON THE BLOG

Architect Julia Campbell Speaks on Gaining Early Experience »

From Julia Campbell, AIA, WELL AP: “I started the licensure process during my first architectural internship, where the architects encouraged me to start documenting the experience I was gaining. That early in your career, earning varied work experience can be a challenge. To navigate this ... I learned to advocate for myself, asking to earn experience in multiple project phases.” Learn more about how [mentorship and diverse work experience can help licensure candidates](#).

Watch: Evolving the Three E's for Architectural Licensure »

How is NCARB looking to evolve the licensure process? Our latest video, [Evolving the Three E's for Architectural Licensure](#), explores how volunteer committees are working to understand the best individual methods of assessing the 16 competencies defined in the *Competency Standard*.

Podcast Episode: The Future of Architectural Experience »

Gaining real-world experience is an essential step to becoming an architect. But access to meaningful experience is not always equal. Join host Andy McIntyre for an inside look at how candidates earn experience today, where the current system creates challenges, and how firm culture plays a critical role in shaping future architects. [Listen now](#).

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