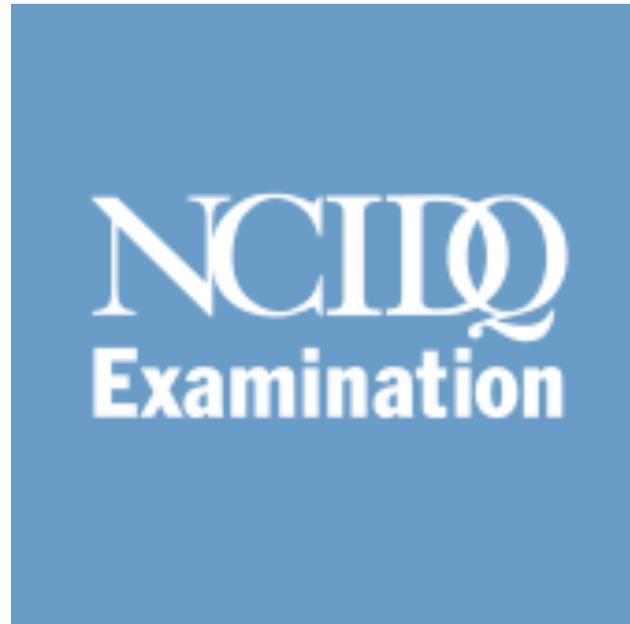
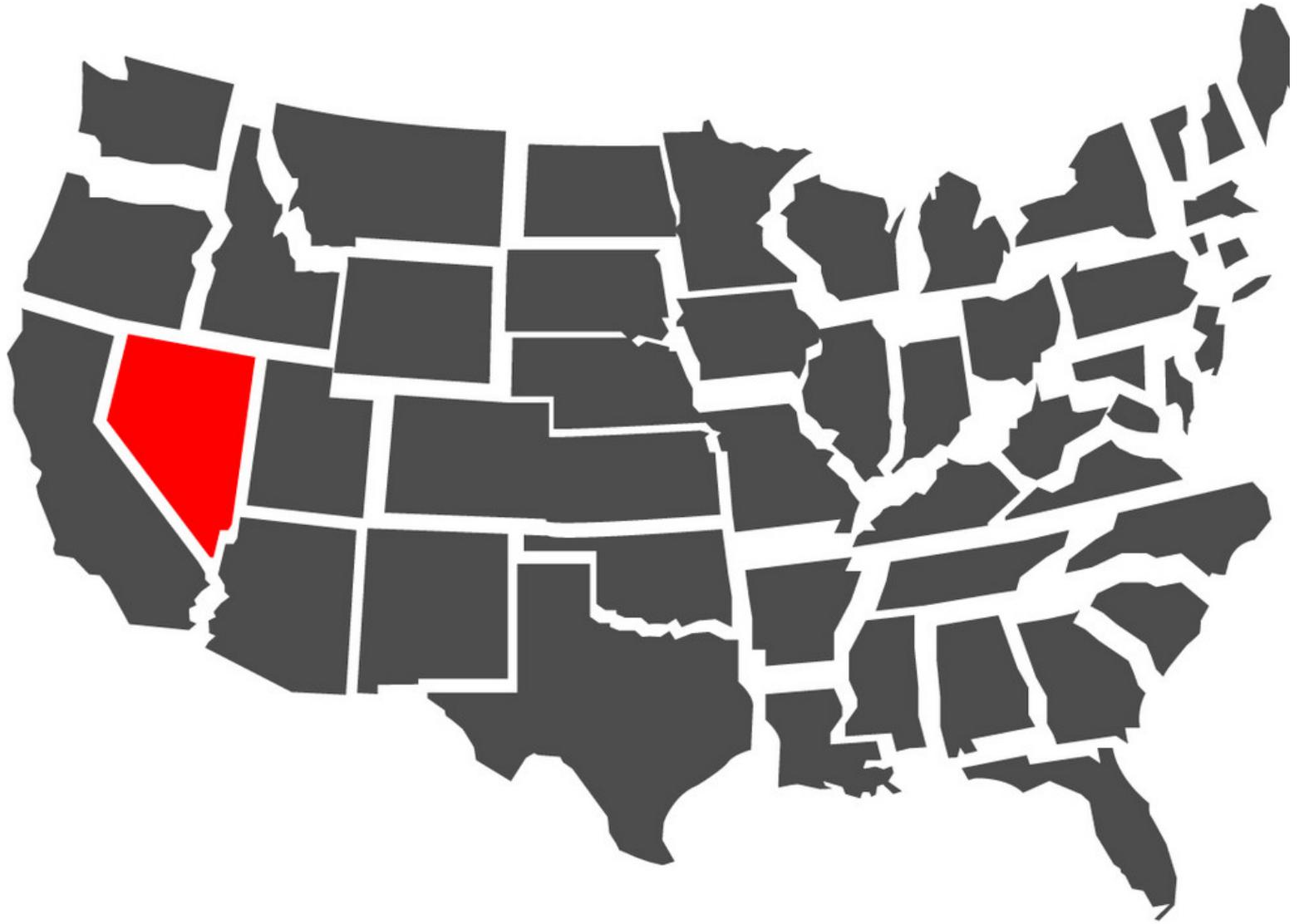


# Registered Interior Design and the





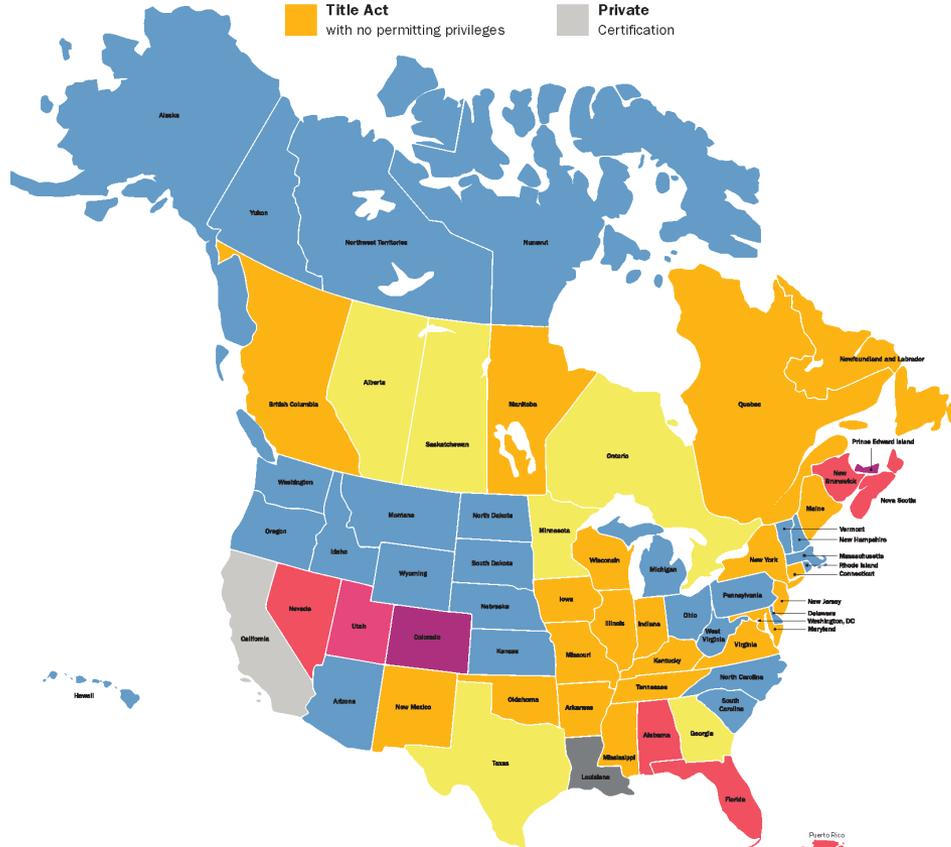
# MGM & Las Vegas Hilton Fire 1980-81



- The fire spread to the lobby, fed by wallpaper, PVC piping, glue, and plastic mirrors, racing through the casino floor at a speed of 15–19 ft/s until a massive fireball blew out the main entrance along The Strip. From the time the fire was noticed, it took six minutes for the entire building to be fully engulfed.<sup>[6]</sup> It spread across the areas of the casino in which no fire sprinklers were installed.

# Jurisdictional Registration

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| <span style="color: red;">■</span> <b>Practice Act</b><br>with permitting privileges     | <span style="color: purple;">■</span> <b>No Legislation</b><br>with permitting privileges           |
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| <span style="color: orange;">■</span> <b>Title Act</b><br>with no permitting privileges  | <span style="color: lightgrey;">■</span> <b>Private</b><br>Certification                            |





# CIDQ

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Design Qualification



# Why is NCIDQ Certification Important?

- Industry Standard
- Differentiator
- Recognized by nearly all regulated jurisdictions in North America

# Exam Basics

The NCIDQ Exam consists of 3 separate sections:

| Exam Name         | Format                                      | Number of Questions | Duration |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|----------|
| Fundamentals (FX) | Multiple Choice                             | 100                 | 3 hours  |
| Professional (PX) | Multiple Choice                             | 150                 | 4 hours  |
| Practicum         | Hot Spot, Drag and Place, Fill in the Blank | 120                 | 4 hours  |

# Eligibility Paths

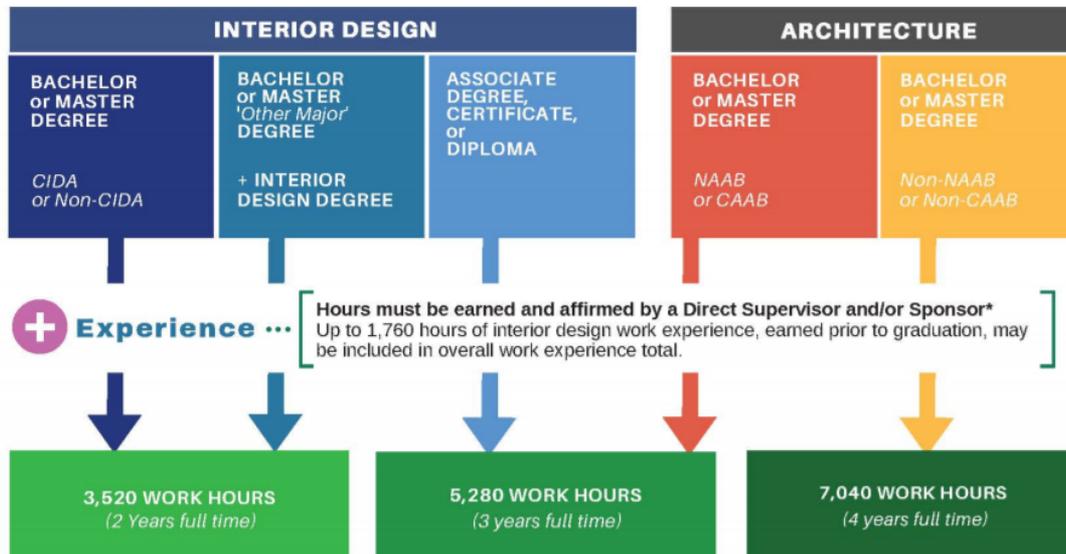
## NCIDQ Examination Eligibility Paths

Specific education and work experience requirements exist to be eligible to sit for the NCIDQ Examination.



### Education ...

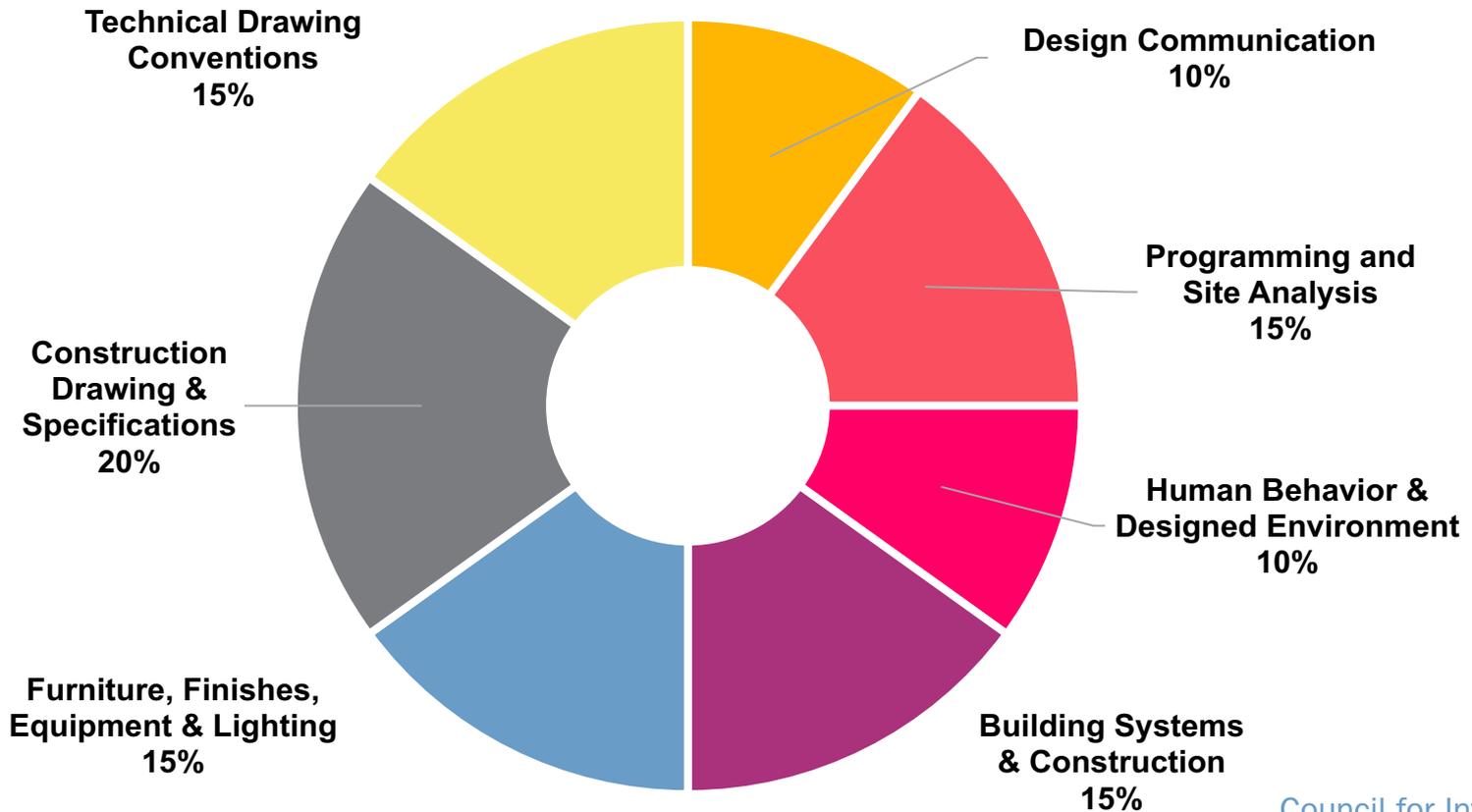
Official education transcripts must include a minimum of 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours of post-secondary interior design coursework that encompasses a certificate, degree, or diploma from an accredited institution, for an application to be reviewed.



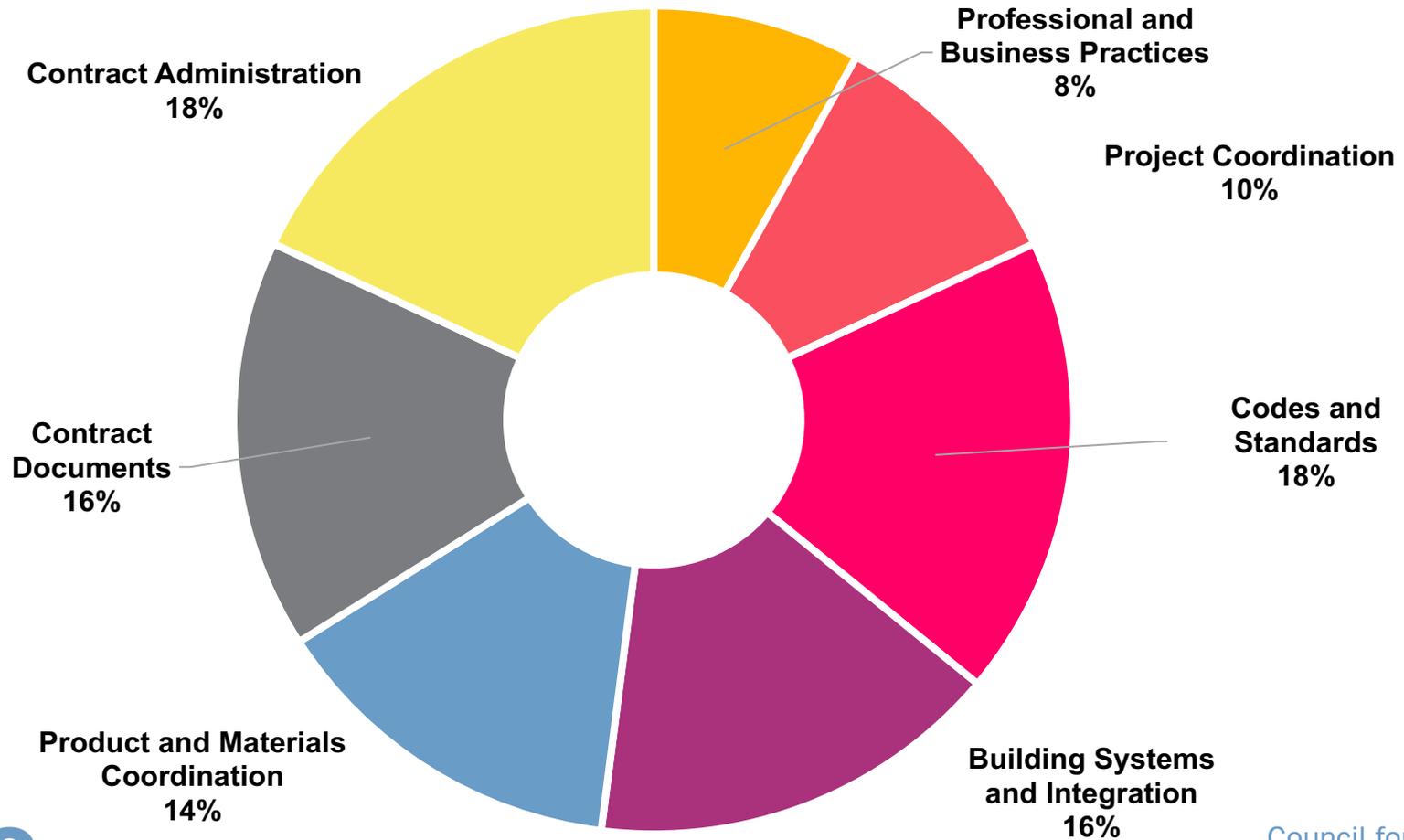
### Experience ...

Hours must be earned and affirmed by a Direct Supervisor and/or Sponsor\*  
Up to 1,760 hours of interior design work experience, earned prior to graduation, may be included in overall work experience total.

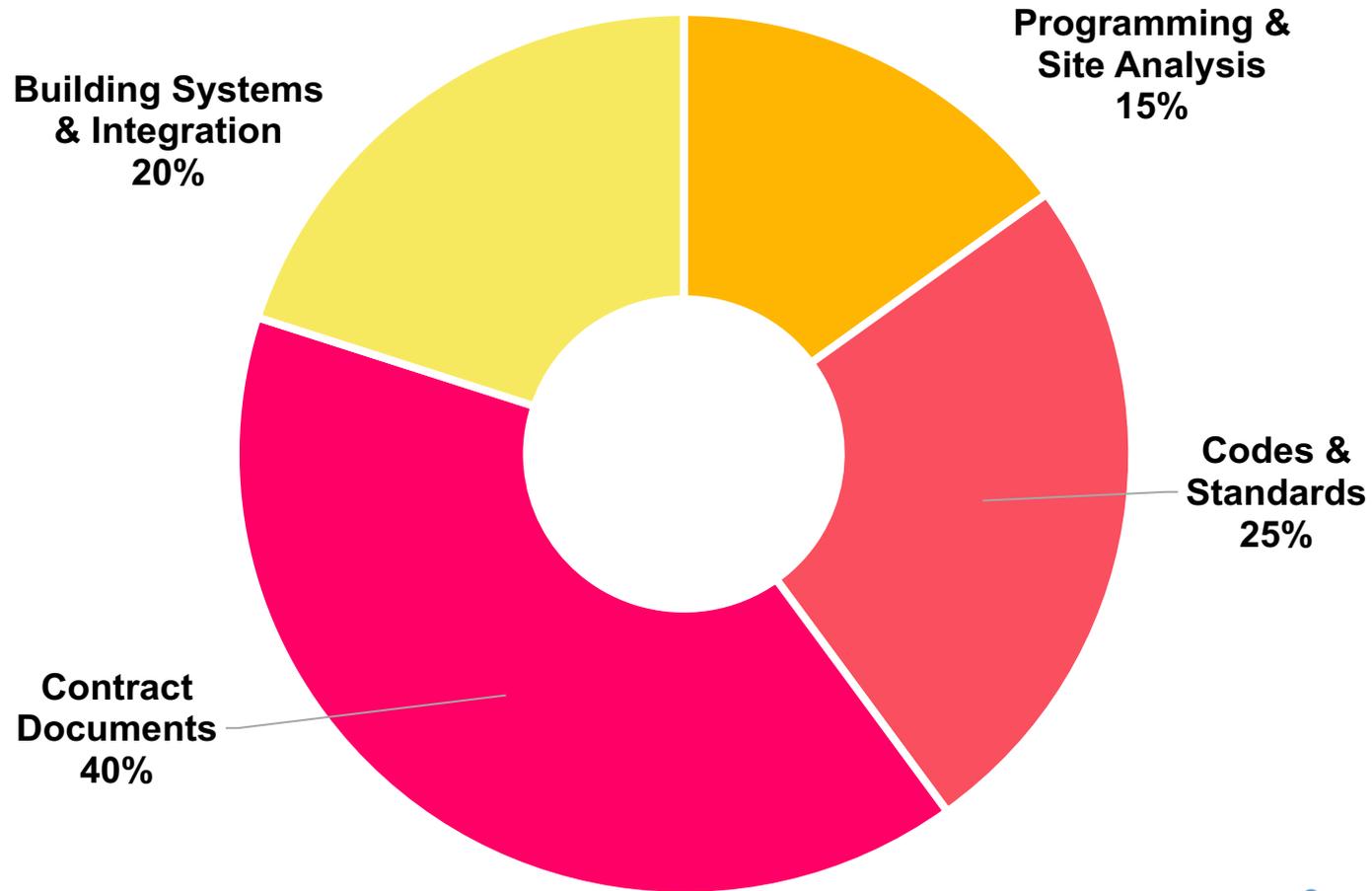
# Exam Blueprint – Fundamentals (FX)



# Exam Blueprint – Professional (PX)



# Exam Blueprint – Practicum



# Practicum Exam

- Not software specific
- No drawing
- 120 total questions
  - Hot spot, fill in the blank, and drag and place questions
- 4 hours in duration
- 3 separate case studies with provided resources (tabs)

# Case Studies

- Types: residential (multi-family), small commercial, and large commercial
- Typically include:
  - Programming
  - Floorplan
  - Various schedules
  - Reflected ceiling plan
  - Mechanical plan
  - Elevations, sections, and details

# Case Studies

The screenshot shows a software interface with a top navigation bar containing five tabs: "Design Scenario and Programming" (selected), "Floor Plan", "NCIDQ Exam Code Requirements", "Lighting Library", and "Conversion Equations", followed by a "Help" button. Below the navigation bar is a window with a title bar containing a minus sign, a plus sign, a "Fit Width" dropdown menu, and two circular icons. The main content area of the window displays a document with the following text:

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*Small-Scale Commercial Case – Synergy Consulting*

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**Project Description:**  
Sq. Ft: 2,545 SF [236.4 m<sup>2</sup>]

Synergy Consulting is moving their offices to an urban office building and the staff are reviewing various proposals based off of their needs. The reception door must have visual access to the main corridor and employees require 24 access to the suite using their electronic key.

The Human Resource Director will occupy Office 1. Due to the personnel files being stored in the office, they require a secure room.

The area of work is a commercial space on the fourth floor of a 15 story office building. All windows are inoperable.

**Project Requirements:**

A. Adjacency:

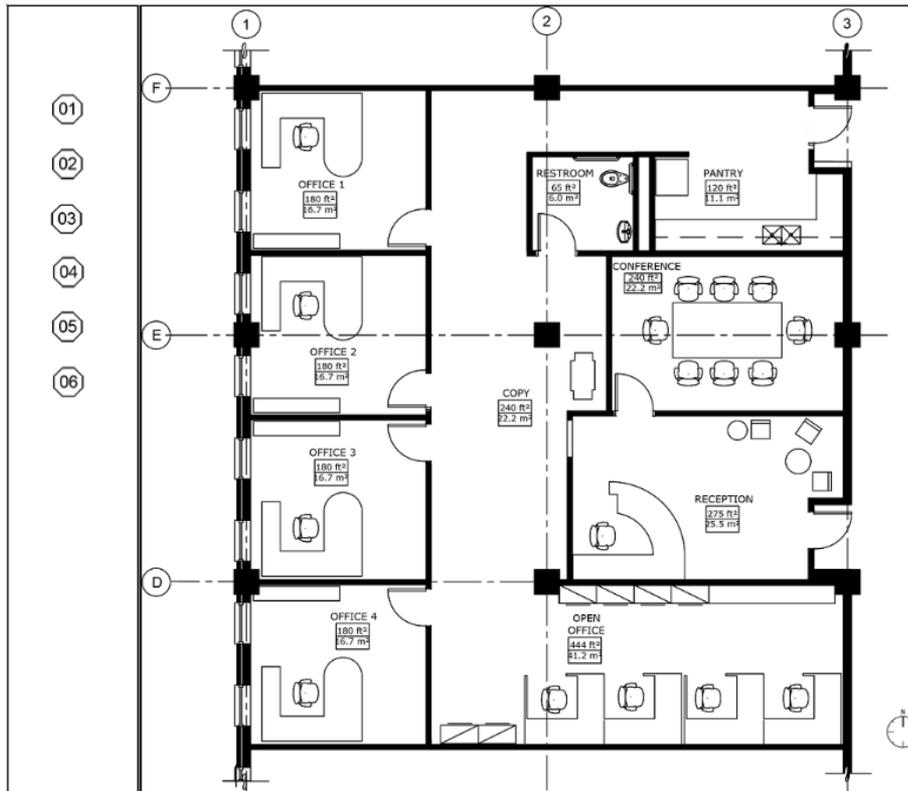
- Primary Adjacencies
  - Reception Area & Conference Room
  - Office 4 & Open Office Area
  - Reception Area & Copy
- Secondary Adjacencies

# Item Types

- Drag and Place
  - Candidates “drag” tokens onto a plan and “place” them on a specific location
- Hot Spot
  - Graphical multiple-choice item
  - Candidates “click” on a specific location
- Fill in the Blank
  - Candidates type in a number

# Practicum Item Types – Drag and Place

Select the correct symbol and place where needed to identify the door most appropriate for entering the reception space from the corridor based on the schedule provided in the exhibit.



Exhibits

| DOOR/FRAME/HARDWARE SCHEDULE |                  |                              |       |      |        |       |      |          |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|----------|
| TAG                          | DOOR SIZE        |                              | DOOR  |      |        | FRAME |      | HARDWARE |
|                              | WIDTH            | HEIGHT                       | MATL  | TYPE | RATING | MATL  | TYPE | TYPE     |
| 01                           | 3'-0" (900mm)    | 7'-0" (21 m)<br>6'-2" (27 m) | SCW   | F    | 20     | HM    | A    | H2       |
| 02                           | 3'-0" (900mm)    | 7'-0" (21 m)<br>6'-2" (27 m) | SCW   | A    | --     | HM    | A    | H4       |
| 03                           | PR 3'-0" (900mm) | 7'-0" (21 m)<br>6'-2" (27 m) | AL/GL | E    | --     | AL    | E    | H3       |
| 04                           | 3'-0" (900mm)    | 7'-0" (21 m)<br>6'-2" (27 m) | SCW   | A    | --     | HM    | A    | H2       |
| 05                           | 3'-0" (900mm)    | 7'-0" (21 m)<br>6'-2" (27 m) | AL/GL | C    | 20     | HM    | A    | H8       |
| 06                           | 3'-0" (900mm)    | 7'-0" (21 m)<br>6'-2" (27 m) | SCW   | C    | --     | HM    | A    | H7       |

DOOR TYPES

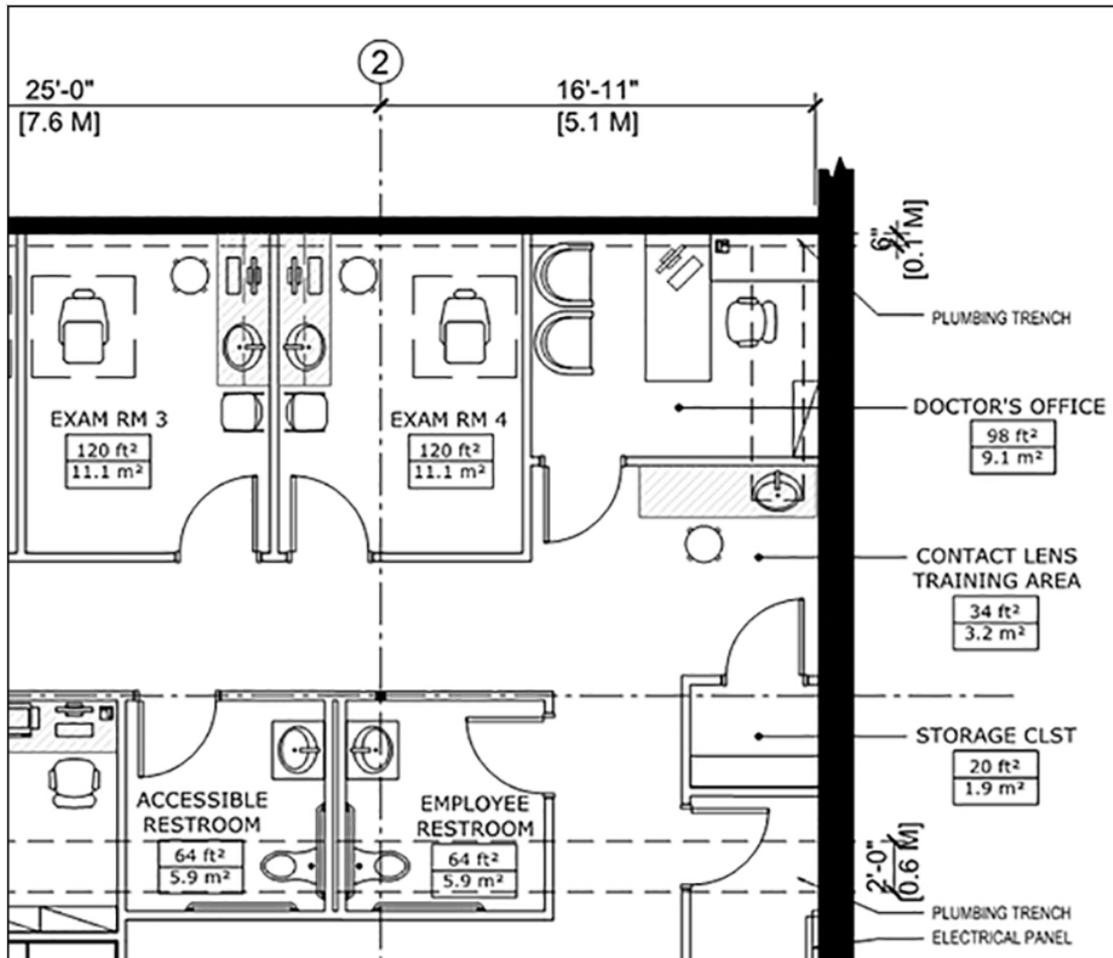
FRAME TYPES

HARDWARE LEGEND

MATERIAL LEGE

# Practicum Item Types – Hotspot

Place the target to identify the incorrect push/pull clearance on the floor plan.



# Jurisdiction Portal

## NCIDQ Certificate Holders + Jurisdiction Approved Candidate Search

CIDQ is only able to provide documentation for items it electronically has on file. Documentation (including educational transcripts and work verification forms) submitted prior to 2015 may not be in the individual's record. In that case, you would need to contact the individual directly and ask that they supply any additional documentation directly to your jurisdiction. CIDQ is actively working to upload historical information for certificate holders, including educational transcripts and work verification forms, as available.

Member Boards are able to view an Active NCIDQ Certificate Holder's record, as on file with CIDQ. For individuals who are inactive NCIDQ Certificate Holders, member boards will only be able to view the verification letter + wallet card. If the individual wishes to share additional information that CIDQ has on file with a specific member board, they must be an active NCIDQ Certificate Holder. Active NCIDQ Certificate Holders also have the option to share their record with multiple Member Boards for a small fee.

If the individual was approved by your jurisdiction, you will be able to see their contact and exam information.

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# Infographics

## INSIDE LOOK: THE NCIDQ EXAM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



To ensure the NCIDQ Examination is valid, fair, and reliable, CIDQ complies with guidelines and standards published in The Standards for Educational and Psychological Tests. CIDQ works with a professional testing company that specializes in developing certification and licensure exams throughout the entire test-development and administration process.

### 1 PRACTICE ANALYSIS



During the practice analysis, a panel of interior design experts defines the overall practice areas and distinct tasks, knowledge, and skills required to validate competency.

Nearly 800 practicing interior designers review and rate the areas and tasks according to level of importance.



### 2 DEVELOPING A TEST BLUEPRINT



Based on the practice analysis, we develop an exam blueprint, which determines the relative weight of each practice area or task and the number of corresponding questions.

### 3 QUESTION DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION



Exam questions are written and reviewed by NCIDQ certificate-holding subject matter experts, who are trained in exam development best practices.

### 4 PRETESTING EXAM QUESTIONS

CIDQ pretests all questions before including them as scored items on the exam. Pretest results are analyzed statistically to ensure the quality and reliability of the overall exam.



CIDQ uses a leveling procedure to ensure that one test is not harder or easier than another.

### 5 EXAMINATION ASSEMBLY



For each exam administration, an appropriate number of questions from each content area is selected from pretested questions as specified in the test blueprint.

A committee of NCIDQ-certified exam reviewers works with testing experts to ensure maximum quality and an appropriate mixture of content.

### 6 REVIEW AND REVISION



The draft exams are again reviewed by the committee for technical accuracy and by testing experts to ensure process integrity.

### 7 PASSING SCORE



CIDQ works with our testing consultant to determine the defensible, criterion-referenced passing score.

The passing point allows CIDQ to validate an interior designer's ability to practice independently in a manner that protects public health, safety, and welfare.

### 8 TEST ADMINISTRATION



Specific, consistent processes are in place for admitting candidates into the exam room, using highly trained personnel to verify identity, provide security, allot test times, etc.

Testing facilities must meet CIDQ guidelines for security, proper room size, ventilation, restroom facilities, accessibility, and noise control.

### 9 PSYCHOMETRIC ANALYSIS

After each exam administration, CIDQ conducts systematic analysis studies to ensure the proper function of each question and of the test as a whole.

Psychometric analysis evaluates the quality of the exam using extensive reliability analysis and other studies.



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# International Administration

- All three sections of the NCIDQ Exam are offered at Prometric test centers around the world each fall.
- Offered in English or French.

# Regulatory Environment





# Questions

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