Architecture & Construction Program of Study
Principles of Architecture

Do you like to create things? You can learn to draw in AutoCAD (Automated Computer Aided Design). Learn to use all the architecture tools: drafting table, drawing board, compass, protractor, T-square, French curve and architect’s scale. If you like creating houses, landscaping or interior design, you need to enroll in the Principles of Architecture class. Learn to design a floor plan in AutoCAD and Revit (the computer aided design software). Learn how to design residential and commercial blueprints. Students will receive a technology credit by taking this course.

Course Description

Students will learn about careers in the architecture industry. Students will learn how to become an Architect, construction manager and urban designer. Students will learn about professional skills. Students will learn how the architect industry and quality work are put together. Students will learn how to be team players. Students will learn how to read an architect’s scale. Students will learn essential skills like: communication, networking, workplace documents and how to build an architect portfolio. Students will learn about industry safety. Students will complete hands-on drawings in AutoCAD and Revit software. Students’ activities will apply towards the AutoCAD/Revit certification.

Student Activities

Organizations

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**Prerequisite:** None  
**Course:** 1824CT  
**Credits:** 1  
**Length:** 18 weeks  
**Placement:** 9-12

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**Student Activities**

Students will work on individual performance tasks identified in the NCCER certification curriculum as well as individual and small group projects utilizing common building materials, blueprints plus hand and power tools to reinforce the curriculum through project-based learning.

**Certifications**

NCCER Core Certification Possible  
Student Cost: $20

Certification paid for by CTE if student has an 80+ GPA in course and passes a practice test

**Additional Considerations**

Students need fine motor skills and mobility. Students handle sharp objects and use power tools.

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**Student Activities**

This course includes activities of designing floor plans, arranging furniture, selecting furniture, equipment and accessories using the elements and principles of design during the process. Sketches of various interiors and exteriors will be drawn. Cost analysis and budgeting for interior designs will be calculated.

**Student Organization**

SkillsUSA

Champions at Work®
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In class, you will learn to draw letters used by Architects. Students will learn how to use a tape measure to measure rooms, houses and buildings. Students will draw a picture of their parents’ houses which is called the floor plan and elevations views. Students will learn how to draw orthographic projections and multi-view drawings using all of the architect’s tools. Students will learn to draw two-dimensional drawings on the computer using AutoCAD. The final product in the Architecture Design I class is to draw a floor plan on ¼” graph paper and build a model house using foam board.

Students must have successfully completed Algebra I and Geometry without modification.

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The next course in sequence for the Construction Endorsement is Construction Technology, where carpentry is the primary focus. Carpenters construct, erect, install and repair structures and fixtures made from wood and other materials. Skill enhancement projects using hand and power tools develop life-long skills to prepare students to enter the industry or continue their education.

Student Activities

Students will work in small groups on projects that emphasize the skills related to common building materials, hand & power tools, drawings, specs and layout, floor, wall, ceiling & roof systems & framing, building envelope and basic stair layout.

TCC Dual Credit Opportunity

TCC CNBT 1300 Residential & Light Commercial Blue Print Reading & TCC CNBT 1316 Construction Technology I can be taken concurrently with this class. There is no TSI requirement, but students must register and pay tuition by TCC deadline.

Certificate of Excellence

Students can earn a Certificate of Excellence by achieving a specific list of real world skills related to this course. For the list of skills, please visit goo.gl/9VM3a9

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Surveying, Plumbing, Carpentry, Electrical, TeamWorks, Masonry

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In Advanced Architectural Design, students gain advanced knowledge and skills specific to those needed to enter a career in architecture and construction or prepare a foundation toward a postsecondary degree in architecture, construction science, drafting, interior design or landscape architecture. Advanced Architectural Design includes the advanced knowledge of design, design history, techniques and tools related to the production of drawings, renderings and scaled models for commercial or residential architectural purposes.

Students draw a survey, site, plot, foundation, floor, electrical and roofing plans for their custom residential home design in AutoCAD. Students will design the front, sides and rear elevations views for their residential custom home. Students will also draw interior elevation sectional views of the kitchen and fireplace and will draw windows and door schedules. Students will then draw the construction of the wall and roof framing. The finished product will be used to complete a model of the student’s custom residential home using balsa wood and a 3-D construction kit.

Certifications

AutoCAD Certification Possible
Student Cost: $100

Certification paid for by CTE if student has an 80+ GPA in course and passes a practice test

If seeking certification, curriculum cannot be modified.
This advanced course is designed to prepare students for an entry-level position in the Construction Industry. The course focuses on two major mechanical building trades: Plumbing and Electrical, plus Advanced Framing Systems and Masonry.

Students will work in small teams to construct “live trainers” where they apply carpentry skills to frame/erect their “classroom”. They will install all the plumbing for a bathroom, as well as a full breaker panel including 4 circuits of ‘live’ electrical needs. Their trainer will be inspected as if it were a jobsite under construction. When available, students may travel to Habitat for Humanity jobsites to apply their skills on a future home!

**Certifications**

- NCCER Construction Tech Certification Possible
  - Student Cost: $20
- OSHA Certification Possible
  - Student Cost: $25

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This course is set up for a student pursuing a career in architecture to work in the afternoon and get school credit. The practicum course is a paid or unpaid internship for students participating in the Architecture Design program. A student must have an architecture-related job no later than the first two weeks of class to get credit for the practicum class. Student must adhere to all workplace rules and regulations and have a positive report from the employer.

**Student Activities**

For students interested in high-tech, fast-paced and lucrative work in the architecture industry, Architecture can not only provide you with a solid education while you are in high school, but also offer you the opportunity of a paid internship under an experienced architect with a local architecture firm. This will provide you with the skills needed to build a great career in the architecture industry.

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**Additional Considerations**

If a student does not have transportation, opportunities will be limited.
This internship course is a senior-level capstone practicum experience that aligns with construction career pathways. The main goal of this program is to provide students with industry experience, networking opportunities and education that supersede the classroom. A student must have a construction-related job no later than the first two weeks of class to get credit for the practicum class. Please note the following important facts pertaining to this course:

- Students must have a valid Texas driver’s license and provide their own transportation.
- This course is supervised by an Intern Coordinator in conjunction with an Intern Sponsor.
- Candidates will be evaluated on professionalism, participation, and responsibility.
- Students will present and defend a final project to a panel of experts, meeting the requirements for the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP).

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# Architecture & Construction Certifications

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There is no minimum age requirement for this certification and students are tested at the Construction Lab at BBCTA. There are 7 modules to complete and students must perform hands-on applications associated with the modules. Each module has an independent test that is multiple choice with no time limit. Students must fill out registration and sign a release form. Students must successfully pass all 7 module tests and complete all hands-on applications successfully to earn this certification.

| OSHA                     | Construction Technology II  | CareerSafe Online                       | Student Pays: $12.50, BBIA Pays: $12.50 |

The OSHA certification is an online 10 hour course. Students may access the course in class or at home with internet access. The course is broken up into modules with a test at the end of each module. Students must pass with a 70% or above in 3 attempts or less.

| NCCER Construction Technology | Construction Technology II  | National Center for Construction Education & Research | Student Pays: $10, BBIA Pays: $10 |

Students must have successfully completed NCCER Core before they can begin the NCCER Construction Technology certification. There is no minimum age requirement for this certification and students are tested at the Construction Lab at BBCTA. There are 17 modules to complete and students must perform hands-on applications associated with the modules. Each module has an independent test that is multiple choice with no time limit. Students must fill out registration and sign a release form. Students must successfully pass all 17 module tests and complete all hands-on applications successfully to earn this certification.

| AutoCAD                  | Architectural Design II     | Autodesk                                | Student Pays: $100 |

Advance your career by becoming an Autodesk AutoCAD Certified User. Whether you’re a student or a professional, this software certification will validate your skills, fulfill academic and industry requirements, and boost your design career.