WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN … ARCHITECTURE

OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:
Licensed professionals trained in the art and science of building design—transform these needs into concepts and then develop the concepts into images and plans of buildings that can be constructed by others. Architects design the overall aesthetic and look of buildings and other structures. They may be involved in all phases of development, from the initial discussion with the client through the entire construction process. Their duties require specific skills—designing, engineering, managing, supervising, and communicating with clients and builders. They often work with engineers, urban planners, interior designers, landscape architects, and other professionals.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:
To gain entry into the field of architecture, one must receive either a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree from an accredited school of architecture, complete a full-time internship (three to five years) and pass a licensing examination.

EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES & SUGGESTED STRATEGY:
Please ask your Career Advisor (CDF) for identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

Suggested Strategy: Gain experience in an architect’s office, develop communication skills, study various architecture styles, gain experience and knowledge of computer skills, and learn about advanced degree opportunities.

Suggested Strategy: Gain experience in school, develop strong computer skills, expand writing skills, understand the various jobs inside construction as well as technical specifications, get knowledge of specific areas of interest, may required advanced degree.

Education: Research – Teaching – Instruction
Suggested Strategy: Obtain related experience in field of architecture, advanced degree most often desired, develop strong communication skills, strong writing skills, as well as professional portfolio.

STATE AND NATIONAL WAGES (2006) for Architects, except Landscape and Naval:

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INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:
The American Institute of Architects
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards
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