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## VISION, VALUES AND OBJECTIVES

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Heritage School of Interior Design is to empower the creativity of aspiring interior designers with a quality, hands-on education to achieve personal growth and professional success.



### HERITAGE CORE VALUES

- Empower the success of others
- Pursue growth and learning
- Be creative and open-minded
- Be passionate and determined
- Have the courage to change course
- Be humble and collaborative

### OUR CORE VALUES

The Heritage School of Interior Design Core Values provide the unchanging principles that guide our educational philosophy, hiring, admission and recruiting practices and our decision making. We aspire to these values and seek to uphold them in our interactions with staff, students and client relationships.

### EDUCATIONAL GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The goal of The Heritage School of Interior Design is to prepare you for success in a career as an interior design professional in sales, service or self-employment as an independent Interior Designer.

Interior Designers work with the spatial organization, colors, patterns, textures and harmony that define the space in which we live and work. Students of the program learn how to combine these elements to create a function, mood and style that expresses the individual desires and style of the client.

The interior design program is personalized to ensure a learning environment in which professional goals can be met. While the development of design skills are the primary focus, we believe that other areas deserve equal attention. Customer service, communication skills and styles, professional practices, business procedures, product knowledge, presentation strategies and documentation are covered throughout the program. In order to meet these objectives, a highly individualized mode of instruction with limited enrollment is offered. This creates a learning environment that encourages a professional attitude and habits and meets the individual needs of each student. A complete curriculum outline is available on the website and on the following pages.

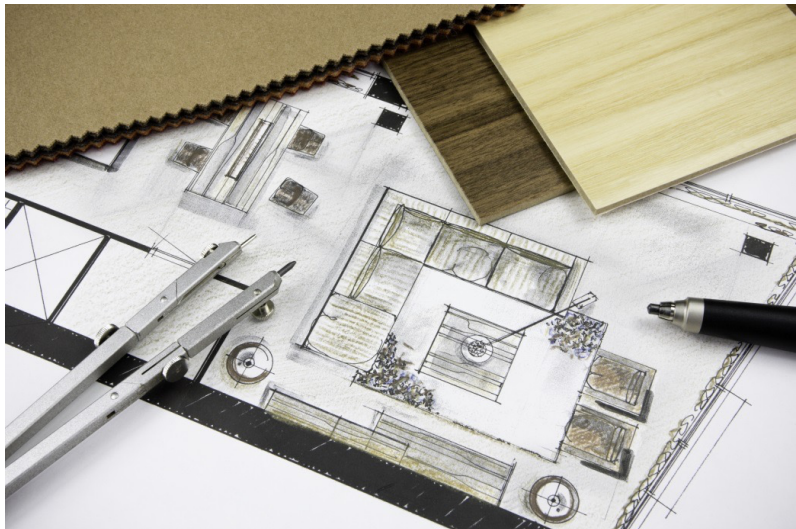


The instructors for this program are registered with the Colorado State Board of Higher Education; Division of Private Occupational Schools and are well prepared through their own interior design education and professional experience.

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### TRAINING OVERVIEW

The Fundamentals of Interior Design Certification Program is scheduled for 12 weeks (Weekday Program) or 24 weeks (Part-time Saturday Program) of classroom “hands-on” participation and study. We encourage time in each class for review, questions and student feedback. We strive to create an open learning environment, providing students with immediate feedback and personal attention.



Weekday and Saturday students have a morning and afternoon break with an hour for lunch. Students may bring their lunch and use the school’s kitchenette. There are many restaurants in the area near the school.

Significant independent study and homework is required throughout the program. The homework increases toward the last weeks of training. Heritage provides the necessary training supplies and resources for design projects as well as check out privileges from the school resource library. These supplies are on loan to each student for class projects and are returned to Heritage at the conclusion of training.

Note: Please do not take on any unnecessary obligations that would create stress while attending school. This training should be your primary focus and not be complicated with outside activities.

The Interior Design Master Certification Program includes completion of the Fundamentals of Interior Design Program plus 9 supplemental courses listed on page 6. It is the most comprehensive training offered through Heritage School of Interior Design.

Please refer to our catalog addendum for more detailed information about all programs and courses, including tuition and fees, dates and times. This information is subject to change on a quarterly basis and is updated regularly in the addendum and on the website.

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

Please see catalog addendum for current program dates and times.

### **FUNDAMENTALS OF INTERIOR DESIGN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

This 12-week or 24-week program is also a course within the Interior Design Master Certification Program. It will introduce students to the following learning units in residential interior design, consisting of theories, concepts and application, preparing them with the knowledge and skills required to work in this widely varied industry. In addition to weekly interactive lectures, assignments and hands-on activities, major projects throughout the course include the full design and presentation of two residential spaces, including an entire home as the final project. Client-specific and concept-based activities are incorporated throughout the course to enforce learning and presentation skills. Equal focus is placed on core design knowledge, design expression and business practices that together enable students to become successful industry professionals. Students attend weekly field trips that connect them to the people, places and processes within the local industry and are visited in class by guest speakers who are recognized professionals in the industry.

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<b>UNIT 1</b>	<b>Intro to the Interior Design Profession / Principles &amp; Elements of Design</b>
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<b>UNIT 2</b>	<b>Design Tools and Communication Skills 1: Space Planning &amp; Drafting</b>
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<b>UNIT 3</b>	<b>Design Tools and Communication Skills 2: Drafting &amp; Drawing</b>
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<b>UNIT 4</b>	<b>Color Theory &amp; Rendering</b>
<b>UNIT 5</b>	<b>Professional Design Process</b>
<b>UNIT 6</b>	<b>Design Materials</b>
<b>UNIT 7</b>	<b>Design History &amp; Styles</b>
<b>UNIT 8</b>	<b>Lighting</b>
<b>UNIT 9</b>	<b>Furniture Construction &amp; Construction Basics</b>
<b>UNIT 10</b>	<b>Socially Responsible Design</b>
<b>UNIT 11</b>	<b>Professional Practice</b>
<b>UNIT 12</b>	<b>Student Presentations, Evaluations, &amp; Testing</b>

### **UNIT DESCRIPTIONS**

Please see catalog addendum for current course dates and times.

#### **Intro to Interior Design / Principles & Elements of Design**

This 18-hour unit introduces interior design as a profession, discussing requirements, history, notable designers, local design firms, and various job options within this broad career. It covers thorough discussion and application of the basic principles & elements of design as an art form, which are necessary to build a successful design.

#### **Design Tools and Communication Skills 1: Space Planning & Drafting**

This 18-hour unit teaches students how to successfully plan interior spaces based on field verification, and use those plans to begin hand drafting a set of floor plans, which will evolve into construction documents geared toward communicating the plan to clients. They will apply this knowledge throughout the term by drawing as-built, demo, construction, finish, furniture, lighting & electrical plans.

#### **Design Tools and Communication Skills 2: Drafting & Drawing**

This 18-hour unit continues to solidify hand drafting components, including architectural lettering, and focuses on basic drawing skills like sketching, basic one and two-point perspective drawing and elevations of interiors to further communicate specific details of a design concept to a client.

### **Color Theory & Hand Rendering**

This 18-hour unit teaches students how to use various color combinations in design, based on the color wheel, history and psychology of colors, and color mixing knowledge. It builds on basic drawing skills by rendering design drawings with color and shading to provide and present a detailed visual design concept.

### **Professional Design Process**

This 18-hour unit provides students with knowledge of each phase of the design process from concept to completion, including interviewing and qualifying the client, five phases of the design process, and comprehensive completion of all necessary documentation forms.

### **Design Materials**

This 18-hour unit provides comprehensive instruction on the details and proper application of all current materials used in the design process, including finishes for floors, walls, ceilings, and countertops. Textiles, fabric styles, pattern mixing, window treatments and accessories are covered in detail. The product specification process for these materials is applied.

### **Design History & Styles**

This 18-hour unit reviews major historical design periods and highlights modern applications of those elements used in current furnishings and design. Classic, European, American and Modernism periods are covered. Traditional, transitional, country and modern design styles are further detailed with a comprehensive review of all current and relevant styles in design today.

### **Lighting**

This 18-hour unit focuses on both visual and technical aspects of designing with light, including electrical considerations, lumens, temperature, color, various bulb types as well as task, ambient and accent lighting options, fixtures, mounts and styles.

### **Furniture Construction & Construction Management**

This 18-hour unit provides students with knowledge of upholstered furniture, case good and occasional furniture construction and proper application as well as styles. General construction management concepts such as construction phases and timing and quantifying and estimating materials are covered.

### **Socially Responsible Design**

This 18-hour unit covers environmentally green and sustainable design, renewable products, energy and water efficiency, biomimicry and biophilia. Universal design, ADA recommendations and aging in place considerations are taught.

### **Professional Practice**

This 18-hour unit highlights the importance of the business process of design, selling a given design through presentation and business skills and management of a design project from concept to completion.

### **Student Presentations, Evaluations, Testing**

This 18-hour unit is a culmination of all practical and theoretical skills learned throughout the course where students will present their final project, receive detailed feedback from industry professionals, share ideas, opinions, thought processes and design methods and as well as pass a final written exam.

### **INTERIOR DESIGN MASTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

The Interior Design Master Certification Program requires completion of all of the following supplemental courses in addition to Fundamentals of Interior Design Certification. It is the highest level of certification available at Heritage School of Interior Design and provides students with a very comprehensive skill set necessary to begin a career in the interior design field. Completion is recommended within 6 months and must occur within 2 years of enrollment. All courses are classroom instruction.

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**COURSE 1    Fundamentals of Interior Design Program**

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**COURSE 2    Introduction to AutoCAD**

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**COURSE 3    Digital Presentation (InDesign & Photoshop)**

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**COURSE 4    Advanced AutoCAD**

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**COURSE 5    SketchUp**

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**COURSE 6    Kitchen & Bath Design**

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**COURSE 7    Commercial Design**

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**COURSE 8    Revit**

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**COURSE 9    Construction Basics**

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**COURSE 10   Professional Development**

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

Please see catalog addendum for current course dates and times.

### **Introduction to AutoCAD**

This 6-week course orients will provide students with an introduction to the basic tools and technical skills needed to create 2-D drawings for interior design in AutoCAD. Students will also develop a personalized template they can use for any drafting project.

### **Digital Presentation (InDesign & Photoshop)**

This 6-week intensive course will provide students with the basic InDesign and Photoshop skills that can be used to create professional visual presentations. Students will learn how to create detailed presentation boards with graphics, photos of rooms, floor plans and examples of materials that will help them professionally convey their design ideas to clients. They will learn how to modify and transform images by changing the color, lighting, and size of photos that can be used to build their portfolio.

### **Advanced AutoCAD**

This 6-week course builds on the skills learned in the Intro to AutoCAD course. Students will learn to draw a full set of plans including existing floor plans, demolition, construction, finish, lighting, electrical, furniture and elevations. By the end of the course students should be proficient using AutoCAD.

### **SketchUp**

This 6-week course provides students a basic platform of knowledge in SketchUp, which enables them to communicate their design vision to clients in 3-D. They will learn techniques tailored to aid in the development of their designs and presentations as well as a platform for rendering the images, yielding a photorealistic representation.

### **Kitchen & Bath Design**

This 8-week introduction to Kitchen & Bath Design will provide students with an overview of the elements of kitchen and bath design through a combination of lectures, hands on activities and field visits. The lessons cover planning and layout, cabinets, fixtures, appliances, materials and lighting.

### **Commercial Design**

This 12-week course will introduce students to commercial interior design theory, concepts and application, preparing them with the knowledge and skills required for commercial design projects. They will learn building codes, space planning, and materials related to various commercial specialties.

## Revit

This 9-week course introduces the concepts and skills necessary to present concept plans and perspectives for a commercial interior design project in Revit. Tools and features will be used to create an evolving single-story space that will describe a design intent via 2-D and 3-D methods.

## Construction Basics

This 6-week course will provide students with the basic understanding of a construction project, and how it relates with interior design. Sequence of construction events, various systems associated with the creation of a project, and how to work with contractors will be covered. Students will gain an understanding of how a construction project is managed, from conception to completion.

## Professional Development

This 6-week course addresses business considerations of the Interior Design industry. This course integrates education on various types of Interior Design practices and professional organizations, business plan development and business & financial management. It will cover collaboration and integration of disciplines and project management, as well as resume writing, branding, website development and building a professional portfolio.

## INTERIOR DESIGN MASTER CERTIFICATION COURSE TRACK BY TERM

This schedule represents the most time efficient track. There are several options for other tracks as students have up to 2 years to complete the coursework for certification. Please consult with Heritage administration to individualize your track of completion.

Term 1	Term 2
Fundamentals of Interior Design (weeks 1-12)	Kitchen & Bath Design (weeks 1-8)
Digital Presentation (weeks 1-6)	Revit (weeks 1-9)
Intro to AutoCAD (weeks 1-6)	Commercial Design (weeks 1-12)
SketchUp (weeks 7-12)	Construction Basics (weeks 7-12)
Advanced AutoCAD (weeks 7-12)	Professional Development (weeks 7-12)

*\*Fundamentals, Advanced AutoCAD & SketchUp are prerequisites for Kitchen & Bath Design.*

*\*Fundamentals is a prerequisite for Commercial Design & Revit.*

*\*Digital Presentation is a prerequisite for Professional Development.*

## **CRITERIA FOR ENROLLMENT**

Heritage School of Interior Design accommodates a wide variety of students. Students must be 18 years of age or older. Students should possess a high school diploma, GED or equivalent, or may be evaluated on an individual basis. Basic computer proficiency is mandatory. Previous interior design experience is not necessary. School administrative staff meets with applicants to



determine their career interests, skills, attitude and motivation. Heritage criteria are based upon demonstrated maturity and the desire to complete and further one's career goals in interior design. Applicants fill out an assessment form which is discussed with the director during an initial interview. Students are accepted for enrollment during this meeting. Heritage School of Interior Design admits only those whom it believes will benefit from the training.

## **ENROLLMENT PROCESS**

Arrange to attend an informational interview with the director or staff member to learn more about the school and discuss mutual goals and expectations. Information will be made available regarding fees for training, registration procedures and payment options. Enrollment may be completed on the website following this meeting. Enrollment may occur up until the day the course begins, space permitting.

## **REAPPLICATION PROCESS**

If an applicant is denied enrollment, they may apply again once circumstances that may have interfered and have changed and been discussed to the director's satisfaction.

## **TRANSFER OF CREDITS**

Heritage School of Interior Design's training is based on clock hours, not credits. The school does not guarantee the transferability of its credits to a college, university, or institution unless there is a written agreement with another institution. Any decision on the comparability, appropriateness and applicability of credit and whether they should be accepted is the decision of the receiving institution.

## **PRIOR CREDITS AND/OR EXPERIENCE**

Prior educational credits or past experience may be transferable to Heritage School of Interior Design based on the judgment of the Executive Director, after reviewing previous applicable experience.

## **AUDITING COURSES**

Students may audit courses at the full tuition rate if space is available and the instructor agrees. Auditing students will not receive a grade and class participation may be limited by the instructor. Students enrolled in the Master Certification Program must receive a grade for each course and therefore cannot audit a class if they wish to receive credit.

## **GRADUATION**

For Fundamentals of Interior Design Certification graduates, certificates are distributed after final presentations have been completed and once graded final projects are returned to students.

For Interior Design Master Certification graduates, certificates are distributed after grades for all required courses are documented and the professional portfolio has been presented. There may be a graduation celebration scheduled each term for completion of this certification.

## **THE SCHOOL**

### **FACILITIES**

Heritage School of Interior Design is located in the heart of the RiNo Art District in Denver, CO. There are several restaurants and coffee shops nearby. The space has a small kitchenette equipped with a microwave, refrigerator, dishwasher, filtered/chilled water fountain and coffee maker, which are all available for student use.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS**

The classrooms have large flat screen monitors for displaying visual aids and instructional slides. The school provides a variety of material samples for school projects including fabric, flooring, hard surfaces, paint and design books. Students are required to provide their own laptop. Wi-Fi internet connectivity is provided. Student versions of some software for technical courses are complimentary.

### **ADVISORY BOARD**

The advisory board meets semi-annually to provide input and guidance for the Interior Design Program. The board consists of 3 or more industry specialists that review and update the curriculum with the instructors.

## **Student Policies and Responsibilities**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance and punctuality is critical to success. If for any reason a student will be late to class or absent, notification is required. Tardiness and absence are recorded in the student file and discussed with the students personally. Students can miss a total of 2 days of the Fundamentals of Interior Design course and a total of 1 class period of each supplemental course and still qualify to graduate. Allowances are made for absences resulting from emergency situations and are evaluated on a case by case basis. Students may be terminated and resume in the next class session for extenuating circumstances such as personal or family illness. If unexcused absences become excessive and prove detrimental to their education, termination may be required. Students are required to request an excused absence for personal reasons with the instructor. If a student is tardy to class (more than 15 minutes) 3 times, it is considered an unexcused absence for one full class period. After 3 tardies, a written warning will follow. If late arrival to class continues after the written warning, the student will be put on probation.

### **APPEARANCE AND CONDUCT**

Students are expected to dress for class as they would for a meeting with a prospective client. Thursdays are studio days and considered casual unless an offsite visit is scheduled. Students are expected to treat instructors and each other with respect and consideration. Any student who violates policies or procedures or the spirit and purpose of the school is subject to probation and dismissal. One verbal and 1 written warning from staff could result in probation and/or dismissal. Infractions are noted in the student file.

### **HARASSMENT**

The Heritage School of Interior Design is committed to maintaining a professional, respectful, and safe learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff. Sexual harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment includes unwelcome verbal comments, inappropriate staring or gestures, unwanted messages or communication, or any behavior that creates an uncomfortable, intimidating, or hostile environment. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the professionalism of the design industry. Any student who experiences or witnesses inappropriate behavior is encouraged to report it to school administration immediately. Reports will be taken seriously and addressed promptly. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from the program.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Only 1 leave of absence may be granted to a student at the discretion of the director for medical or serious personal reasons. Certification from a doctor is required for medical leave. Leave of absence will be evaluated on a case by case basis. A leave of absence results in rescheduling and any/all tuition fees paid will be honored.

## WITHDRAWAL

Students are encouraged to seek counsel from the Executive Director before making the decision to withdraw from any program. Withdrawal must be made in writing to the school. The official date of withdrawal is the date of written notification. Refunds are processed according to the Cancellation & Refund Policy.

## PERSONAL PROPERTY

Heritage School of Interior Design will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to personal property. All notebooks and personal property should be labeled for identification.

## PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE & CAREER GUIDANCE

Career guidance and counseling are an integral part of our training program. Specific job search/interview methods are taught and examples provided in class. Students prepare in class for employment and/or self-employment through their independent business based on a series of work-specific studies. Graduates receive job and client leads as opportunities arise. The school distributes employment opportunities for graduates through email as soon as they become available to us. Graduates of the Interior Design Master Certification receive priority consideration for jobs and client leads as opportunities arise. **Heritage School of Interior Design cannot guarantee graduate employment.**

## TERMINATION

Heritage School of Interior Design reserves the right to terminate a student for failure or inability to conform within the general spirit, policies, and rules of the school or conduct detrimental to the reputation of the school or education of other students. Also, student's failure to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress as assessed based on the student's progress report and/or instructor feedback on the student's academic progress, attendance requirements or financial obligations due to the school can result in termination. In the event of withdrawal or termination, a student's financial responsibility re: tuition, fees, etc. are described under cancellation and refund policy in the school catalog. A terminated student may not reapply for admission.

## PROBATION

A student will be put on probation if they fail to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress as assessed based on the student's progress report and/or instructor feedback on the student's academic progress and attendance or other infractions (listed above). Instructor/Director begins with 2 verbal warnings, followed by 1 written warning (recorded in student file). If issues are not resolved at that time, student will be placed on probation for 3 days of class (student will continue to attend class to keep pace with the program). If issues are not resolved during the 3 days, the student will be terminated. Students are allowed 1 probation only.

## APPEALS

Students may appeal their termination in writing to the School Director within one week. The Director will review the circumstances and either reinstate the student or confirm the termination.

## READMISSION

Students who withdraw in good standing (financial obligations current, issues resolved personally or with the school) may re-enroll at then current tuition rates provided space is available.

## STUDENT COMPLAINTS

Attempting to resolve any issue with the School first is strongly encouraged. Complaints may be filed by a student or guardian at any time online with the Division of Private Occupational Schools (DPOS) within two years from the student's last date of attendance or at any time prior to the commencement of training at <http://highered.colorado.gov/dpos>, 303-862-3001.

## STUDENT RECORDS

Students may examine their files, records or documents maintained by Heritage School of Interior Design which pertain to them. Please submit a written request and copies will be furnished upon payment of cost of reproduction. Heritage School of Interior Design complies with applicable requirements of the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

## COURSE INCOMPLETES / REPETITIONS

Students that do not complete the Interior Design curriculum as scheduled with their enrollment agreement and because of withdrawal for personal circumstances should refer to the published Readmission Policy.

## PROGRAM INVESTMENT

Financial information including tuition fees and registration are listed below.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Fundamentals of Interior Design Program	Fundamentals Program + Supplemental Classes	Interior Design Master Certification Program
Registration Fee (Non-refundable 3 days after enrollment)	\$175	\$175	\$175

<b>Course Tuition Cost</b>	<b>\$8,990</b>	<b>\$8,990 + cost of additional supplemental classes as desired</b>	<b>\$18,405</b>
<b>Books and Supplies (Non-refundable)</b> (See Educational Equipment & Supplies List)	Variable and subject to change.	Variable and subject to change. Software for technical courses must be purchased by the student except those where complimentary student downloads are available.	Variable and subject to change. Software for technical courses must be purchased by the student except those where complimentary student downloads are available.
<b>Supplemental Course Tuition</b>	Student is taking only Fundamentals.	Student is taking Fundamentals, and some additional supplemental classes.	All supplemental classes are <u>included</u> with Masters Program tuition

<b>Supplemental Courses</b>		<b>Individual Supplemental Course Tuition</b>	<b>Supplemental Courses included in Masters Program</b>
Intro to AutoCAD	NA	\$755	Included
Digital Presentation	NA	\$915	Included
Advanced AutoCAD	NA	\$755	Included
SketchUp	NA	\$755	Included
Kitchen & Bath	NA	\$1,240	Included
Commercial Design	NA	\$2,375	Included
Revit	NA	\$1,110	Included
Construction Basics	NA	\$755	Included
Professional Development	NA	\$755	Included
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST:</b>	<b>\$8,990</b>	<b>Cost dependent on number of supplemental courses taken.</b>	<b>\$18,405</b>

The Registration Fee secures your place in class prior to the beginning of class. Non-payment of tuition by the tuition due date will result in forfeiting your place in class and possible termination.

**PAYMENT PLAN**

Heritage offers students tuition payment options that include: a one-time payment due 2 weeks prior to the start date of the course(s) in which enrolled; installment payments over the course of the term, with the first installment due 2 weeks prior to the start date of the certification course and the final payment due before the school term ends. Please see enrollment agreement for detailed information regarding payment plan options. Tuition must be completely satisfied prior to graduation from either program and before certification or transcripts are provided to the student.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

The school’s cancellation and refund policy applies to all terminations for any reason by the student or the school. Students not accepted to the school are entitled to all moneys paid. Students who cancel this contract by notifying the school within three (3) business days are entitled to a full refund of all tuition and fees paid. Students, who withdraw after three (3) business days, but before commencement of classes, are entitled to a full refund of all tuition paid except the registration fee and maximum cancellation charge of \$150.00. In the case of students withdrawing after commencement of any class, the school will retain a cancellation charge of \$150 for each class plus a percentage of tuition and fees, which is based on the percentage of coursework provided for each class, as described in the table below. The refund is based on the official date of written termination or withdrawal from that particular class.

**Refund Table**

<b>Student is entitled to upon withdrawal/termination</b>	<b>Refund</b>
Within first 10% of program	90% less cancellation charge
After 10% but within first 25% of program	75% less cancellation charge
After 25% but within first 50% of program	50% less cancellation charge
After 50% but within first 75% of program	25% less cancellation charge
After 75% [if paid in full, cancellation charge is not applicable]	NO Refund

1. The student may cancel this contract at any time prior to midnight of the third business day after signing this contract.

2. All refunds will be made within 30 days from the date of termination. The official date of termination or withdrawal of a student shall be determined in the following manner:
  - a. The date on which the school receives written notice of the student's intention to discontinue the training program; or
  - b. The date on which the student violates published school policy, which provides for termination.
  - c. Should a student fail to return from an excused leave of absence, the effective date of termination for a student on an extended leave of absence or a leave of absence is the earlier of the date the school determines the student is not returning or the day following the expected return date.
3. The student will receive a full refund of tuition and fees paid if the school discontinues a Program/Stand Alone course within a period of time a student could have reasonably completed it, except that this provision shall not apply in the event the school ceases operation.
4. The policy for granting credit for previous training shall not impact the refund policy.
5. Postponement of a starting date, whether at the request of the school or the student, requires a written agreement signed by the student and the school. The agreement must set forth:
  - a. Whether the postponement is for the convenience of the school or the student, and;
  - b. A deadline for the new start date, beyond which the start date will not be postponed.

If the course is not commenced, or the student fails to attend by the new start date set forth in the agreement, the student will be entitled to an appropriate refund of prepaid tuition and fees within 30 days of the deadline of the new start date set forth in the agreement, determined in accordance with the school's refund policy and all applicable laws and rules concerning the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981.

### **Refund Policy for Students using the GI Bill®**

Refund Policy Non-Accredited Courses in Accordance with VA Regulation 21.4255-1  
Students not accepted by the school and students who cancel the contract by notifying the school within three business days are entitled to a full refund of tuition and fees paid. If any students withdraw after three business days, but before commencement of classes, are entitled to a full refund of all tuition and fees paid including the registration fee in excess of \$10.

In the case of students withdrawing after commencement of classes, the school will retain a cancellation fee plus a percentage of tuition and fees, which is based on the percentage of contact hours attended, as described in the table below. The refund is based on the last data of recorded attendance.

**Refund Table for Veteran Student(s)**

Student entitled upon withdrawal/termination	Refund
10% of program completed	90% Refunded
20% of program completed	80% Refunded
30% of program completed	70% Refunded
40% of program completed	60% Refunded
50% of program completed	50% Refunded
60% of program completed	40% Refunded
70% of program completed	30% Refunded
80% of program completed	20% Refunded
90% of program completed	10% Refunded

1. The student may cancel this contract at any time prior to the close of the third business day after signing the enrollment agreement.
2. The official date of termination for refund purposes is the last date of recorded attendance. All refunds will be made within 30 days from the date of termination.
3. The student will receive a full refund of tuition and fees paid if the school discontinues a course/program within a period of time a student could have reasonably completed it, except that this provision shall not apply in the event the school ceases operation.
4. Complaints, which cannot be resolved by direct negotiation between the student and the school, may be filed with the Division of Private Occupational Schools of the Colorado Department of Higher Education. The Division shall not consider any claim that is filed more than two years after the date the student discontinues his/her training at the school.

**Previous Credits**

The evaluation of previous postsecondary education and training is mandatory and required for VA beneficiaries. For students utilizing Veterans benefits who are approved for transfer credit as a result of this evaluation, the institution will grant appropriate credit, reduce the program length proportionately, notify the student and adjust invoicing of the VA accordingly.

## **Records Retention**

The school retains all materials for students receiving VA benefits in hard copies on location for a minimum of 3 years from the course completion date. The School may destroy records for VA beneficiaries unless a written request for longer retention is submitted by the Government Accountability Office or VA before the 3 year retention period expires.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES**

### **CALENDAR, HOLIDAYS, HOURS, ENROLLMENT PERIODS**

Heritage School of Interior Design observes the following holidays:

- New Year's Eve Day and New Year's Day
- President's Day
- Spring Break
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Break including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Heritage School of Interior Design is open from 8:30AM to 4:30PM each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:30PM to 5:30PM when Part-time Fundamentals is in session. Please check our website [www.hertiageschoolofinteriordesign.com](http://www.hertiageschoolofinteriordesign.com) or contact our administrative offices for current information on beginning and ending dates of class sessions as they are all subject to change.

Occasionally, classes will be scheduled at alternate times to accommodate seminars, holidays, illnesses, etc. Notice of such changes shall be provided to students.

Enrollment for any given term is ongoing and students may enroll in a given course or program up until the day the course or program begins if there is remaining space.

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

Heritage School of Interior Design does not discriminate with regard to race, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion or handicap in its training program. A staff member of Heritage that exhibits discrimination in any form will be terminated.

### **RIGHT TO TERMINATE**

Heritage School of Interior Design reserves the right to terminate a student at any time during any class or any program for violation of school standards and policies (academic, attendance

and conduct). Registration fee and tuition policy fee is stated in the Cancellation and Refund Policy section of this catalog.

### **REVISION POLICY**

Heritage School of Interior Design reserves the right to make changes in instructors, guest speakers and charges without prior notice. No change in curriculum, class scheduling, registration or tuition and fees will apply to currently registered or enrolled students.

### **WEATHER CONDITIONS/SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS**

Classes at Heritage School of Interior Design will be cancelled when weather conditions are considered unsafe. The Denver Public Schools (DPS) closures for inclement weather will be followed and can be found on their website at <https://www.dpsk12.org/>. You will also be notified by text or email by 7:30AM on your scheduled day of class if school is closed.

### **FINANCIAL HOLD EXEMPTION POLICY**

Individuals may be subject to a transcript or certificate hold when such individual owes certain debts to the School for tuition or fees. Individuals will be subject to such a hold when payment for any outstanding amount due has not yet been made to the School. The school will assign a minimum debt of \$500 to a third-party collection agency. If an individual is subject to such a hold, their transcripts or certificates will not be released unless an exemption applies as follows.

#### **Process and Procedure for Exemptions**

Exemptions are granted for individuals who can demonstrate that the transcript or certificate request is required for one of the following reasons:

- Job application
- Applying for state, federal, or institutional financial aid
- Pursuit of opportunities in the military or national guard

Upon submission of a transcript or certificate request and documentation to verify an exemption, the School will review the request and make a determination regarding whether or not an exemption exists, as outlined above. If it is determined that the individual has a valid exemption, the School will release the requested transcript and/or certificate. If the School determines that the individual does not meet the exemption criteria, the School will provide a written explanation of the denial of the request within seven business days.

#### **Registration Hold**

Individuals will no longer be able to register or enroll for courses/classes if payment for any outstanding amount due has not yet been made to the School. The school will assign a minimum debt of \$500 to a third-party collection agency.

Individuals have the option to establish a payment plan for an outstanding debt. An individual who wishes to establish a payment plan for a debt owed to the School should contact Rhonda Larson at [rhonda@heritageschoolofinteriordesign.com](mailto:rhonda@heritageschoolofinteriordesign.com).

Complaints pertaining to HB22-1049 may be submitted to the Colorado Student Loan Ombudsperson via email to [CSLSA@coag.gov](mailto:CSLSA@coag.gov).

## **ACADEMIC POLICIES**

### **TRANSCRIPTS**

Students receive a copy of their program transcript at graduation. The school will require the student to have their tuition and all fees paid in full prior to receiving their transcript from the school.

### **GRADING/PROGRESS REPORTS**

Each course assignment, quiz, exam, and final project/presentation is weighted on an overall percentage scale, as outlined in the course syllabus. It is the basis for the final grade. Students receive progress reports from the instructor or executive director at mid-term based on academic performance. A grade below 70% on any given assignment is considered a "no pass".

90 - 100% = A

80 - 89% = B

70 - 79% = C

< 70% = No Pass

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDAMENTALS OF INTERIOR DESIGN CERTIFICATE**

1. Attend a minimum of 204 clock hours of class for the 12-week Full-time Program and 161 clock hours of class for the 24-week Part-time Program.
2. Complete each component of the Final Design Project with a grade of 70% or better.

Final Design Projects may be re-worked with instructor's input and suggestions (to meet the grade level graduation requirements) and returned within 7 days in order to receive a graduation certificate.

3. Complete Final Exam with 70% or better accuracy.

Students earning less than 70% may retake the exam one time. Student failure on retest will not receive a graduation certificate, letter of recommendation or career guidance.

## GRADUATION CERTIFICATION

Graduates of the Fundamentals of Interior Design program will receive a Fundamentals of Interior Design Certification.

Graduates of the Master's Program will receive an Interior Design Master Certification.

## OWNER/DIRECTOR PROFILES



### **RHONDA LARSON, OWNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DENVER, CO**

Rhonda brings extensive background in design, business and management/delivery of high quality training and education programs, which followed an early career in the medical field. A lifelong yearning to help people craft their interior spaces into extraordinary havens drew her to attend Heritage School of Interior Design in Portland, OR. She became an independent interior designer as "RL Design Studio" and shop owner of "Velvet and Burlap Home" prior to partnering with Jim and Stephanie Plymale to open the first Heritage School of Interior Design outside of the original Portland location. Rhonda's business savvy, education background and interior design success provide a perfect syn-

ergy for this role. She embraces the values of the school and shares the Heritage spirit for helping people achieve the career of their dreams.

Rhonda is committed to maintaining a high standard educational experience and cultivating a supportive, creative community at Heritage Denver. She is excited to share her skills and enthusiasm to inspire and guide new designers to discover and develop their talents to obtain a truly fulfilling career in interior design.