



Council  
for Interior  
Design  
Accreditation

## Summary of Accreditation Decision

### *University of North Alabama*

In order to be accredited, an interior design program must demonstrate achievement of Council for Interior Design Accreditation ([CIDA Professional Standards](#)), which are evaluated within the context and overarching purpose and intent of the program. CIDA accreditation standards broadly address the evolving components of graduate preparation for interior design practice, including:

- critical thinking, professional values, and processes that provide the framework of interior design practice;
- core design and technical knowledge that provide the historical, theoretical, and technical contents of interior design practice.

CIDA accreditation standards also address the institutional systems, structures, and resources that are fundamental to providing an effective higher education learning environment for interior design.

Probation is an accreditation status that indicates critical weaknesses have been identified in an accredited program that require improvement in order for the program to maintain accreditation. The interior design program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Human Environment Science with a concentration in Interior Design was placed on probation due to weaknesses identified in the following Standard:

Standard 4, Entry-level interior designers need to apply all aspects of the design process to creative problem solving. Design process enables designers to identify and explore complex problems and generate creative solutions that optimize the human experience within the interior environment.

The program is scheduled to be revisited in 2021 to seek re-accreditation.