

# Becoming an Architect via the IAP



**Complete Architecture School**

Complete a professional degree in architecture accredited by the [Canadian Architectural Certification Board \(CACB\)](#) or the [National Architectural Accrediting Board \(NAAB\)](#). Obtain academic certification of your professional degree from the CACB.



**Apply for Intern Architect Status with the OAA**

Visit the [OAA Website](#) and complete the online Intern Architect application in order to enroll in the Internship in Architecture Program (IAP).

Upon application approval, you now hold Intern Architect status with the OAA.

\* The [Royal Architectural Institute of Canada \(RAIC\) Syllabus program](#) is an alternative path to licensure. Visit the [OAA Website](#) for more details.

\*\* A student of architecture may apply to become a Student Associate and may be eligible to log experience hours. Visit the [OAA Website](#) for more information.



**Select a Mentor**

Select a [Mentor](#) before recording and submitting your architectural experience. A mentor is not required in order to apply for IAP status with the OAA. The [Mentor Directory](#) can be accessed online (OAA login required).



**Select an Employer**

IAP architectural experience must be gained in an eligible architectural employment situation as outlined within the [IAP Manual](#). The [supervising architect](#) is an architect within your place of employment who directs and supervises your architectural experience. An employer is not required in order to apply for IAP status with the OAA.



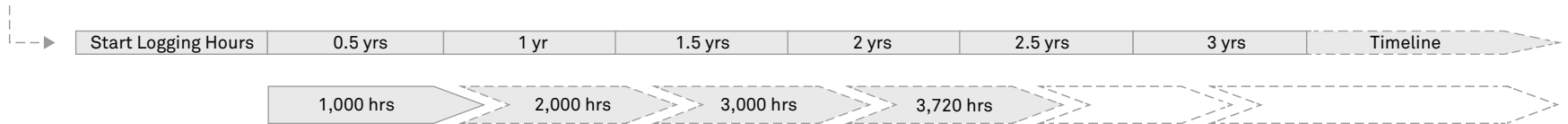
**Complete the Experience Requirements**

While actively enrolled in the IAP, complete a minimum of 3,720 hours of experience gained in accordance with the [IAP Manual](#) and [Appendix B](#). Record your architectural experience within the [online CERB](#).

NOTE: Currency requirement of 940 hours of experience within three years of application for licensure.

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### More Questions?

Visit the OAA's ['FAQ: The Path to Licensure'](#) page.

Email [iap@oaa.on.ca](mailto:iap@oaa.on.ca).



**Pass the National Exams**

Upon completion of 2,800 hours of CERB experience, you are eligible to write the [Examination for Architects in Canada \(ExAC\)](#). The OAA also accepts the [Architect Registration Examination \(ARE\)](#) from the National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB).



**Complete the OAA Admission Course**

The mandatory [Admission Course](#) is offered online through the University of Toronto's School of Continuing Studies (SCS) in the fall, winter, and spring/summer semesters. The OAA Admission Course can be taken at any point during the IAP program.



**Apply for Licensure**

Upon completion of the IAP requirements, you may apply for licensure. Refer to the Application and Guidelines on the [OAA Website](#).

Congratulations!  
You are an Ontario Architect. You may use the title as well as the designation "OAA."