The Anoka Technical College Architectural and Construction Technician Diploma is a 45-credit program that consists of skills and technology which can be applied to a wide variety of careers in the design-construction industry including employment with architectural and engineering firms, residential builders and construction material suppliers.

The Architectural and Construction Technology program consists of technical courses designed to develop skills related to the fields of architecture, engineering, contracting, and other design-construction fields.

In addition to drafting and detailing skills, the student receives training in related areas such as construction estimating, building codes, building mechanical and electrical systems, as well as emerging technologies in energy-efficient design. Students receive hands-on training in industry standard computer-aided drafting software (AutoCAD), building information modeling (BIM) technology.

Program Learning Outcomes

• Demonstrate residential construction materials and methods knowledge.
• Demonstrate commercial construction materials and methods knowledge.
• Execute program/industry drafting standards for residential construction drawings.
• Execute program/industry drafting standards for commercial construction drawings.
• Demonstrate entry level CAD/Revit proficiency for the industry.
• Demonstrate understanding of the roles and responsibilities of an entry level architectural, electrical, structural, mechanical, or civil technician.

Industry and Career Outlook

Graduates of the Architectural and Construction Technician diploma program learn skills and technology which can be applied to a wide variety of careers in the design-construction industry, including employment with architectural and engineering firms, residential builders and construction material suppliers.

Drafters who gain experience and knowledge may become design drafters or senior drafters. With additional training or experience, drafters may also move into related positions, such as technical writer, sales engineer, or engineering assistant.

Wage information is available from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Course Prerequisites

Some courses in this program may require a prerequisite. Please see course descriptions for more details.

Program Sequence

Fall Semester ................................................................. 10
☐ ARCH 1000 Residential Construction ..................... 2
☐ ARCH 1002 Construction Print Reading ................... 2
☐ ARCH 1040 Residential Graphics .......................... 1
☐ ARCH 1043 Architectural CAD I ............................. 3
☐ CEST 1030 Project Management for Estimators ......... 2
Spring Semester ............................................................. 10
☐ ARCH 1004 Introduction to Architectural Profession .... 2
☐ ARCH 1015 Commercial Construction .................. 2
☐ ARCH 1045 Commercial Graphics ......................... 1
☐ ARCH 1052 Architectural CAD II ............................ 3
☐ ARCH 2025 Revit Architectural 3D CAD .................. 2
Fall Semester ................................................................. 14
☐ ARCH 2005 Residential CAD Studio ....................... 4
☐ ARCH 2027 Intermediate Revit 3D CAD ................. 2
☐ ARCH 2070 Commercial Design ............................ 2
☐ ARCH 2085 Structural Technology .......................... 3
☐ CEST 1000 Construction Estimating I ..................... 3
Spring Semester ............................................................. 11
☐ ARCH 1031 Building Systems ................................. 2
☐ ARCH 2029 Advanced Revit 3D CAD ...................... 3
☐ ARCH 2055 Commercial CAD Studio ...................... 3
☐ CEST 1010 Construction Estimating II ..................... 3

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher to be eligible for graduation from this program.

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Also see: Architectural Technology AAS, Architectural 2D CAD, and Construction Estimating certificate