



Virtual Learning

Career Explorations: Landscape Architect

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Objective/Learning Target:

Students will explore Landscape Architecture as a career path.



What do they do?

If an architect designs buildings and structures, landscape architects are concerned with everything around the buildings. The daily activities of a landscape architect typically includes large and small scale projects such as site analysis, site inventory, site planning, land planning, planting design, grading, stormwater management, sustainable design, construction specifications and ensuring that all plans meet the current building codes and local and federal ordinances. They often partake in every part of the building process - from conception to construction - to ensure a satisfactory result. Many work very long hours as deadlines approach.



What do they do?

“Landscape Architects research, plan, design and advise on the stewardship, conservation and sustainability of development of the environment and spaces, both within and beyond the built environment” - The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA)

“Landscape architecture practices the fine art of relating the structure of culture to the nature of landscape, to the end that people can use it, enjoy it, and preserve it.” - Robert Royston

“The art of arranging or modifying the features of a landscape, an urban area, etc., for aesthetic or practical reasons.” - dictionary.com

This video further explains just what it is that landscape architects do:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbx3FDDNeQM>



What skills do they need?

Interior Architects need strong communication, analytical, critical-thinking, organizational, visualization, and artistic skills. They also must be proficient with specialized tools and technology.



Watch the video:

After watching the video, answer the following questions in your engineer's notebook or on a piece of notebook paper. You will need to utilize additional resources to fully answer the questions (remember to cite your sources).



Questions

1. What are the main job responsibilities of a landscape architect?
2. What is the average salary of a landscape architect (use the most current information you can find)?
3. What is the job outlook for a landscape architect in Kansas City? Is the number of interior architects needed going to increase or decrease in the future?
4. What's the difference between a landscape architect and a landscape designer?
5. What types of activities could an interior architect expect to do on a daily basis?
6. What does a person need to do to become an interior architect?



Additional Resources

<https://collegegrad.com/careers/landscape-architects>

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/careers-guide/browse/landscape-architect>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhuMDz84i1I>