Programs of Study

The 4+2 Year Program of study consists of 48 credit hours of graduate course work for holders of CIDA*, NAAB**, LAAB*** accredited degrees. At least 27 credits must be earned from 700-level courses. The first year of studies is organized around a neuroscience-informed evidence-based design methodological paradigm complemented by courses in the health and behavioral sciences. The second year of studies is focused on the development of creative and innovative design strategies that can support the transformation of healthcare from reactive and hospital-centered to preventive, proactive, person-centered and focused on well-being rather than disease. In the final semester students are required to complete an independently researched and developed design thesis project as a condition for graduation.

The 4+3 Year Program of study consists of 72 credit hours of graduate course work for applicants of varied backgrounds holding other than CIDA*, NAAB**, or LAAB*** accredited degrees recognized by UNLV. At least 39 credits must be earned from 700-level courses.

*Council for Interior Design Accreditation  
**National Architectural Accrediting Board  
***Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board

4 + 2 Year Program

First Year – Fall Semester  
HID 773 Healthcare Design I. (6 credits)  
Directed Elective (3 credits)  
Directed Elective (3 credits)  
Semester Total Credit Hours 12

First Year – Spring Semester  
HID 774 Healthcare Design II. (6 credits)  
AAI 723 Interior Construction Documents & Specifications (3 credits)  
AAI 650 Designed Environment & Human Behavior (3 credits)  
Semester Total Credit Hours 12

Second Year – Fall Semester  
HID 775 Healthcare Design III. (6 credits)  
HID 776 Design Thesis Research (3 credits)  
Directed Elective (3 credits)  
Semester Total Credit Hours 12

Second Year – Spring Semester  
HID 777 Design Thesis (6 credits)  
Directed Elective (3 credits)  
Directed Elective (3 credits)  
Semester Total Credit Hours 12
**4 + 3 Year Program**

First Year – Fall Semester
HID 673 Design Communication I. (6 credits)
AAI 632 Interior Architectural Systems (3 credits)
ABS 621 Construction Technologies (3 credits)
Semester Total Credit Hours 12

First Year – Spring Semester
HID 674 Design Communication II. (6 credits)
AAI 654 History of Architectural Interiors (3 credits)
AAI 691 Professional Practice (3 credits)
Semester Total Credit Hours 12

Second Year – Fall Semester
HID 773 Healthcare Design I. (6 credits)
Directed Elective (3 credits)
Directed Elective (3 credits)
Semester Total Credit Hours 12

Second Year – Spring Semester
HID 774 Healthcare Design II. (6 credits)
AAI 723 Interior Construction Documents & Specifications (3 credits)
AAI 650 Designed Environment & Human Behavior (3 credits)
Semester Total Credit Hours 12

HID 700 Professional Internship - Summer (0 credits)
200 hours of comprehensive work experience to be satisfactorily completed under the supervision of licensed/registered practitioners in a pre-approved design business entity.

Third Year – Fall Semester
HID 775 Healthcare Design III. (6 credits)
HID 776 Design Thesis Research (3 credits)
Directed Elective (3 credits)
Semester Total Credit Hours 12

Third Year – Spring Semester
HID 777 Design Thesis (6 credits)
Directed Elective (3 credits)
Directed Elective (3 credits)
Semester Total Credit Hours 12

Directed Elective courses in consultation with the Program Coordinator and consideration of pre-requisites may be chosen from healthcare or related programs.