Overview
Colorado State University’s online Graduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Design teaches you to use research to create designs that improve how people respond to the built environment around them.

Why evidence-based design?
Organizations of all kinds require environments that foster specific outcomes for the people they serve. Because of the investment involved, they also want proof that designed spaces will help them meet these outcomes. Thus, designers today must move away from relying on intuition, toward a research-focused approach to creating spaces that meet their clients’ needs. This online graduate certificate blends principles of art and science to give you the foundational skills you need to create aesthetically rich designs that deliver effective, measurable results.

What you learn
Learn to utilize evidence-based design for healthcare facilities, schools, and other built environments. Our program will teach you to use evidence-based interior design research methods and scientific measurements, and to understand theories and trends that influence design decisions. As a result, you will be better able to demonstrate to clients that your designs meet their specified objectives. Additionally, this program covers effective client communication and its importance in helping clients achieve their goals.

This certificate will leave you well positioned to earn your EDAC certification or to prepare a project for the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) CORE Award.

Curriculum
Three courses are required to complete the online Graduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Design.

- **INTD 578** – Trends/Issues in Interior Design (3 cr.)
- **DM 501** – Research and Theory - Design and Merchandising (3 cr.)
- **DM 551** – Research Methods (3 cr.)
How to Apply
Evidence-Based Design - Graduate Certificate

Application Deadline
Fall semester: August 1

1 Review Admission Requirements
The online evidence-based design graduate certificate requires that students have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.

2 Complete Online Application
While it is not required, it is recommended that you contact us in advance of submitting application materials.

Complete the online graduate application and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. You do not need to wait for recommendations or transcripts to move your application forward.
- Choose “Evidence-Based Design (Certificate) – Distance” when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select “Certificate” at the top.)

3 Request Transcripts
Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu
Send paper copies to:
Graduate Admissions
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

Check Your Application Status
View your application status at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and notify you of their decision.

International Students
See website for test score and transcript requirements.