

RIT Master of Architecture Accreditation

Statement on NAAB-Accredited Degrees

In the United States, most registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit professional degree programs in architecture offered by institutions with U.S. regional accreditation, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted an eight-year, three-year, or two-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may require a preprofessional undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, the preprofessional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

The Rochester Institute of Technology Golisano Institute for Sustainability offers the following NAAB-accredited degree program:

- Master of Architecture (non-accredited undergraduate degree + 105 graduate credits)
- Master of Architecture (non-accredited undergraduate degree in architecture + 78 graduate credits)

Initial Candidacy granted: 2011

Initial Accreditation: 2017

Next Accreditation Visit: 2021

NAAB Conditions and Procedures

- [Conditions for Accreditation, 2020 Edition](#)
- [Conditions for Accreditation, 2014 Edition](#)
- [Procedures for Accreditation, 2020 Edition](#)
- [Procedures for Accreditation, 2015 Edition](#)

Career Development Information

The following websites will allow access to career development and placement services that help develop, evaluate, and implement career, education, and employment plans. You may find the [NCARB Handbook for Interns and Architects](#) and [Toward an Evolution of Studio Culture](#) helpful to learn more about the benefits of attending an accredited program.

- [National Council of Architectural Registration Boards \(NCARB\)](#)
- [The American Institute of Architects \(AIA\)](#)
- [The American Institute of Architecture Students \(AIAS\)](#)
- [Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture \(ASCA\)](#)
- [Study Architecture](#)
- [ARCHCareersGuide.com](#)

Program Reports

- [2017 Architecture Program Report \(APR\)](#)
- [2017 NAAB Visiting Team Report \(VTR\)](#)
- [RIT's optional response to the Visiting Team Report](#)
- [2018 NAAB Decision Letter](#)

Related Documents

- [NCARB ARE pass rates](#)
- [Student Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Diversity and Inclusion at RIT](#)