

ANNOUNCEMENT

Alberta Association of Architects Supports Renewed Syllabus Program

EDMONTON, December 10, 2015: The Alberta Association of Architects' (AAA) Council recently announced that it has voted unanimously to support and recognize the renewed Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) Syllabus Program at the RAIC Centre for Architecture at Athabasca University.

The RAIC Syllabus is a national architectural education program founded by RAIC. Its combination of practical work experience and (now, on line) academic courses is delivered through a partnership between the RAIC and Athabasca University including two optional new degrees - the Bachelor of Science in Architecture [BSc(Arch)] and the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Architecture (PBDA). Graduates of the Syllabus curriculum (or graduates with the PBDA) receive the RAIC Syllabus Diploma which is the pre-requisite to obtaining certification of credentials from the Canadian Architectural Certification Board and the right to undertake the final examination process to earn the right to title 'Architect' in Canada.

Architecture, as a profession, is both rewarding and demanding. In order to take the building of space and form beyond utilitarian construction into the realm of artistic, social and environmental consciousness; comprehensive knowledge and critical thinking skills are required in such areas as humanities, technology, design, management and the environment.

To practise as an architect in Canada, a person must be a registered member of an association of architects in one of the Provinces. Applicants for provincial registration must first obtain certification of their academic qualifications from the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB). The renewed RAIC Syllabus curriculum at the RAIC Centre for Architecture at Athabasca University complies with the Academic Certification Criteria adopted by the CACB as its standard for granting certification.

AAA Council has instructed the AAA administration to develop a plan to re-integrate RAIC Syllabus students and others in the program in pursuit of future licensure, with the Alberta Association of Architects.

"We are very pleased to see the improvements to the academic standards since our association suspended our support back in 2002. The RAIC and Athabasca University have every right to be proud of the recognition that this program has achieved across Canada." said Mr. Peter Osborne, President of AAA.

The Alberta Association of Architects is a self-governing professional association charged under the Architects Act with the registration and licensure of Architects and Interior Designers. The Association regulates the practices of Architecture and Interior Design in the province of Alberta for the protection of the public and the administration of the professions.

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BACKGROUNDER

RAIC Syllabus Diploma in Architecture

The RAIC offers an accessible, alternative path to licensure through a direct, self-paced program of academic studies, design studios, and practical experience leading to the RAIC Diploma in Architecture - accepted in Canada as equivalent to an accredited Professional Master University Degree in Architecture. Graduates from the Syllabus are entitled to use the designation "Dipl. Arch." indicating that they have completed all requirements of the RAIC Syllabus Diploma.

In 1978 the RAIC Certification Board established the RAIC Syllabus, a national expansion of Provincial Architecture Association Minimum Syllabus programs. The Syllabus is a unique program that permits people in the architecture profession to proceed through a course of study while gaining significant practical work experience in the offices of an architect, to achieve professional registration. As a recognized alternate path to licensure, the Syllabus has been developed for those who find it impossible to attend a full time program of studies at an accredited Canadian School of Architecture.

Syllabus Diploma students apply to become a Student Associate of their provincial architectural association, and log practical work experience in the Canadian Experience Record Book (CERB). Following graduation from the RAIC Syllabus, and issuance of the RAIC Diploma in Architecture, the graduate then applies to the CACB for certification of academic qualifications. Upon completion of all provincial association supplementary requirements regarding internship and professional examinations, the RAIC Syllabus graduate becomes a Registered Architect.

RELEVANT LINKS

<http://www.aaa.ab.ca/>

<http://architecture.athabascau.ca/>

<https://www.raic-syllabus.ca/home>

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