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This year, the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) celebrates 75 years as the sole agency authorized to accredit professional degrees in architecture in the U.S.

Founded in 1940 by The American Institute of Architects, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, the NAAB aspires to be the leader in establishing educational quality assurance standards to enhance the value, relevance, and effectiveness of the architectural profession.

As part of its celebration, the NAAB is highlighting the history of accreditation in professional architecture education by listing the institutions that sought and received accreditation in each decade.

Below is the list of institutions, in alphabetical order, with professional degree programs that were initially accredited or that went through nomenclature changes between 1981 and 1999. During this period, not only did institutions increase their academic offerings to include architecture, but several established programs made changes to their professional degree programs. All of the institutions on this list still have at least one accredited program in place today.

It was also during this period that the Canadian Architectural Certification Board began accrediting professional degrees offered by Canadian universities.



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Florida, University of

Florida Atlantic University

Florida International University

Howard University

Idaho, University of

Illinois Institute of Technology

Iowa State University

Kansas, University of

Lawrence Technological University

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Oklahoma State University
Parsons School of Design
Philadelphia University
Prairie View A&M University
Rhode Island School of Design
Roger Williams University
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South Florida, University of
Southern Polytechnic State University
Syracuse University
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Texas Tech University
Tulane University
Tuskegee University
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