

Nicole Proano

ARCHITECT / INTERIOR DESIGNER

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PROFILE SUMMARY

Passionate and detail-oriented Interior Architect and Designer with a strong foundation in architectural principles and a deep appreciation for interior aesthetics. Dedicated to creating functional and visually compelling spaces that enhance user experience while blending innovation, sustainability, and cultural influences. Seeking to contribute my expertise in high-end residential and commercial design to a dynamic team.

EDUCATION

ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY

2023 - PRESENT

- MA. Interior Architecture and Design

NY INSTITUTE OF ART AND DESIGN

2023 - PRESENT

- Interior Design Certification

UNIVERSITY SAN FRANCISCO OF QUITO

2017 - 2022

- Bachelor of Architecture
- WES Certified - US Equivalency Credential

WORK EXPERIENCE

Floor & Decor, Princeton NJ

2023 - PRESENT

Senior Interior Designer

- Leading the design of custom kitchen and bathroom spaces, integrating client preferences with functional layouts.
- Providing expert advice on material selection, ensuring aesthetic cohesion and budget alignment.
- Creating detailed 3D renderings, enhancing client visualization and satisfaction.
- Successfully managing 30+ client projects simultaneously, achieving a 95% client satisfaction rate.

Floor & Decor, Hilliard OH

JUL 2023 - OCT 2023

Interior Design Consultant

- Collaborated with clients to conceptualize and refine design ideas for residential spaces.
- Assisted in the selection of high-quality materials, balancing durability, style, and cost.
- Prepared technical drawings and layouts for client approval, ensuring accuracy and attention to detail.

Lume by Nicole Proano, Ecuador & US

2020 - PRESENT

Freelancer Interior Design & Architect

- Designed and managed independent residential and small commercial projects, focusing on modern and functional interiors.
- Created high-quality 3D renderings and technical drawings using SketchUp, AutoCAD, and Photoshop.
- Consulted with clients on sustainable material options, maximizing energy efficiency and visual appeal.
- Collaborated with contractors to ensure timely project completion within budget.

SKILLS

- Space Planning & Optimization
- Sustainable Design Solutions
- Project Management & Coordination
- Material Selection & Specification
- Renderization (3D & Fotorrealista)
- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Lighting Design, Construction drawings

LANGUAGES

- English: Proficient
- Spanish: Native

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SOFTWARE

- AutoCAD
- Illustrator
- Sketchup
- ArchiCAD
- Photoshop
- Revit

ATTRIBUTES

- Client-Centered Approach
- Collaborative Leadership
- Cross-Cultural Design Sensibility
- Organized
- Detail-oriented
- Creative thinker with a strong aesthetic sense
- Team player
- Excellent communication skills

AFFILIATIONS

- IAD's student interior design organization
- Public Service with Club Ambato de Los Angeles, an international non-profit organization.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Corpo Ambato, Ecuador
Intern Architect

SEP 2021 - DEC 2021

- Supported the development of architectural plans for public and private sector projects.
- Conducted site visits and prepared documentation for project proposals.
- Coordinated with engineering teams to ensure design feasibility.

University of La Frontera, Chile
Intern Architect

OCT 2020 - JAN 2021

- Assisted in the design and execution of construction projects for university facilities.
- Conducted research on sustainable construction practices to support ongoing projects.

Whole Foods Market, Columbus OH
Customer Service, Cashier

SEP 2022 - JUN 2023

- Provided exceptional customer service in a fast-paced environment, resolving issues efficiently and effectively.
- Maintained inventory and ensured compliance with company standards.

HONORS

Featured in Academy of Art University's Spring Show 2024

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