Arts, Design and Performance

The Arts, Design and Performance industry is diverse, multi-faceted, and dynamically changing. Individuals in this industry work in a wide variety of international and domestic fields, functional areas, and organizations utilizing their technical, foundational and interpretive abilities. These jobs offer a place for exploration, innovation and problem solving with a larger goal to become global citizens engaged in creating positive communities.

**Tips for success**

**Build your network:** Connecting with industry professionals can provide you more information on specific careers as well as professional associations and community organizations.

**Gain relevant experience through volunteering and internships:** Internships and freelance work can help you develop crucial hands-on experience, which is especially important in gaining full-time employment opportunities.

**Focus on your field:** Employers are more likely to hire a candidate who showcases a specific skill set related to the job they are applying to.

**Professional Associations**

There are several local and national professional associations connected to this career field. Joining a professional association will help you network with professionals already in your field of interest, as well as expose you to new opportunities you may not have considered.

- Arizona Commission on the Arts
- AIGA, the Professional Association for Design
- American Society of Interior Designers
- Association of Performing Arts
- College Art Association
- Industrial Designers Society of America
- League of American Orchestras

**Possible areas of employment**

Art & Music Therapy
Architecture
Dance Education
Graphic Design
Fashion
Film
Interior Design
Performance (Theatrical, Musical, etc.)

**Top desired skills**

Creativity and Innovation
Disciplinary Craft and Technical Skills
Digital and Creative Technology
Self-care/ self-motivated time-management
Global + Cultural Fluency
Oral and Written communication skills