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Ann Marie Wikoff, Reno, Interior Designer,

Earns Healthcare Interior Design Credential



Photo Caption: Ann Marie Wikoff of Wikoff Design Studio earns new credential from the American Academy of Healthcare Designers. Photography: Jeramie Lu

RENO, NEVADA—Ann 'Marie' Wikoff, an interior designer and owner of Wikoff Design Studio in Reno, Nevada recently passed the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers (AAHID) Examination and earned the prestigious AAHID Certificate. Marie is the second Registered Interior Designer (RID), in the state of Nevada to receive this credential.

Passage of the Examination and earning the AAHID credential signifies that Wikoff has met the standards for education, experience and examination and is a board certified healthcare interior designer. A minimum of five years of healthcare interior design experience, a portfolio review and professional references are required before being eligible to take the comprehensive examination. The AAHID examination is a rigorous assessment requiring examinees to demonstrate competence in a variety of aspects that affect the healthcare interior environment. The examination covers acute care, ambulatory care/outpatient, long term care/senior living, medical facilities/other, retail/hospitality, support services, allied professions, codes & guidelines, environmental, evidence based design and professional business practice.

"AAHID is the standard to identify those interior designers who are uniquely qualified to meet the needs and challenges of the healthcare interior design industry" explains AAHID Past President Jocelyn Stroupe of Cannon Design in Chicago. "The AAHID Certificate is the highest appellation available for a healthcare interior design professional, and this credential is what every healthcare facility should look for when choosing an interior designer."

Wikoff graduated from the Design Institute of San Diego with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Interior Design and has worked in the interior design field for over twenty years. Wikoff currently owns Wikoff Design Studio (WDS), located in Reno, Nevada. Though WDS is most well known for their work in the healthcare design industry, including local children's hospital, Renown, WDS recently grabbed attention for designing Reno's newest hangout spot, Shelter. She has successfully completed a broad range of healthcare, commercial and religious projects in Nevada, California and Brazil. See a list of her projects at: WikoffDesignStudio.com

AAHID certifies the knowledge, skills and abilities of healthcare interior designers. Board Certified Healthcare Interior Design certificants are distinguished and qualified by education, examination, and work experience to practice healthcare interior design. The AAHID appellation recognizes excellence, commitment and knowledge. It further distinguishes preeminent healthcare interior designers from other architects, designers, decorators, and interior designers. More information about the organization may be found at www.AAHID.org.

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