

Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Professional Qualifications Standards

The federal professional qualification requirements are published in the "Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation, 48 CFR 44716." They include the following:

History

The minimum professional qualifications in history are a graduate degree in history or closely related field; or a bachelor's degree in history or closely related field plus one of the following:

1. At least two years of full-time experience in research writing, teaching, interpretation or other demonstrable professional activity with an academic institution, historical organization or agency, museum, or other professional institution; or
2. Substantial contribution through research and publication to the body of scholarly knowledge in the field of history.

Archaeology

The minimum professional qualifications in archaeology are a graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, or closely related field plus:

1. At least one year of full-time professional experience or equivalent specialized training in archeological research, administration or management.
2. At least four months of supervised field and analytic experience in general North American archeology; and;
3. Demonstrated ability to carry research to completion.
4. In addition to these minimum qualifications, a professional in prehistoric archeology shall have at least one year of full-time professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archeological resources of the prehistoric period. A professional in historic archeology shall have at least one year of full-time professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archaeological resources of the historic period.

Architectural History

The minimum professional qualifications in architectural history are a graduate degree in architectural history, art history, historic preservation, or closely related field, with coursework in American architectural history; or a bachelor's degree in architectural history, art history, historic preservation, or closely related field plus one of the following:

1. At least two years of full-time experience in research, writing, or teaching in American architectural history or restoration architecture with an academic institution, historical organization or agency, museum, or other professional institution; or
2. Substantial contribution through research and publication to the body of scholarly knowledge in the field of American architectural history.

Architecture

The minimum professional qualifications in architecture are a professional degree in architecture plus at least two years of full-time professional experience in architecture; or a State license to practice architecture.

Historic Architecture

The minimum professional qualifications in historic architecture are a professional degree in architecture or State license to practice architecture, plus one of the following:

1. At least one year of graduate study in architectural preservation, American architectural history, preservation planning, or closely related field; or
2. At least one year of full-time professional experience on historic preservation projects. Such graduate study or experience shall include detailed investigations of historic structures, preparation of historic structures research reports, and preparation of plans and specifications for preservation projects.

Historic Preservation Planning

The minimum professional qualifications in Historic Preservation Planning are a graduate degree in Planning, or a closely related field, with coursework in Historic Preservation, plus a minimum of two (2) years of full-time professional experience in Planning, or a Bachelor's degree in Historic Preservation Planning or a closely related field with related coursework, plus a minimum of four (4) years of full-time professional experience in Historic Preservation Planning. Relevant professional experience in Historic

Preservation Planning involves work that enabled professional judgment to be made about the identification, evaluation, documentation, registration, protection or treatment of historic and archaeological properties in the United States.

Historic Landscape Architecture

The minimum professional qualifications are a Masters degree in Landscape Architecture with relevant course work plus two years of full-time professional experience and relevant products and activities, or a four-year or five-year Bachelors degree in Landscape Architecture plus three years of full-time professional experience, or a State Government-recognized license to practice Landscape Architecture plus two years of full-time professional experience.

Professional experience must demonstrate application of the theories, methods, and practices of Landscape Architecture that enable professional judgments to be made about the identification, evaluation, documentation, registration, or treatment of historic properties in the United States. Relevant work products must demonstrate the successful application of acquired proficiencies in the discipline to the practice of historic preservation.

*Full-time professional experience is defined as one continuous year or discontinuous periods (full or part-time) adding up to the equivalent of a year of full-time experience.