



An Overview of the

NCIDQ
Examination

THE NCIDQ CERTIFICATION EXISTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF PROFESSIONALISM AND PRESTIGE

Our Name, Our Identity, Our Brand



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Corporate structure



What we do



The mark of a
professional

NCIDQ Examination

- Format of the NCIDQ Examination:
 - The Examination is made up of three sections: IDFX (Fundamentals Exam), IDPX (Professional Exam), and Practicum
 - The IDFX and IDPX exam sections are computer delivered
 - Practicum is a series of seven paper & pencil exercises

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- Format of the NCIDQ Examination:
 - The IDFX is available to candidates upon graduation, who meet the NCIDQ Examination's education requirements, prior to work experience
 - The IDPX and Practicum Exams are available to candidates who have met both the NCIDQ Examination's education **and** work experience requirements

- Interior Design Fundamentals Exam (IDFX) content includes:
 - ▣ Programming, sustainability and site analysis;
 - ▣ Design theory and the relationship between human behavior and the designed environment;
 - ▣ Integration with building systems and construction;
 - ▣ Sourcing and research as it relates to manufacturers' and vendors' information regarding furniture, fixtures and equipment;

- Interior Design Fundamentals Exam (IDFX) content includes:
 - ▣ Development and use of construction drawings, schedules and specifications;
 - ▣ Measuring, drafting and technical drawing conventions;
 - ▣ Visual, written and verbal design communication methods and techniques

- Interior Design Professional Exam (IDPX) content includes:
 - ▣ Analyzing and synthesizing the programmatic information;
 - ▣ Application of code requirements, laws, standards, regulations, accessibility and sustainability;
 - ▣ Integration with building systems and construction;
 - ▣ Selection, specification, use and care of furniture, fixtures, equipment, interior finishes, materials and lighting;

- Interior Design Professional Exam (IDPX) content includes:
 - ▣ Development and use of construction drawings, schedules and specifications;
 - ▣ Interior design documentation and contract administration;
 - ▣ Project coordination procedures and the roles of related design professionals;
 - ▣ Application of professional ethics and business practices

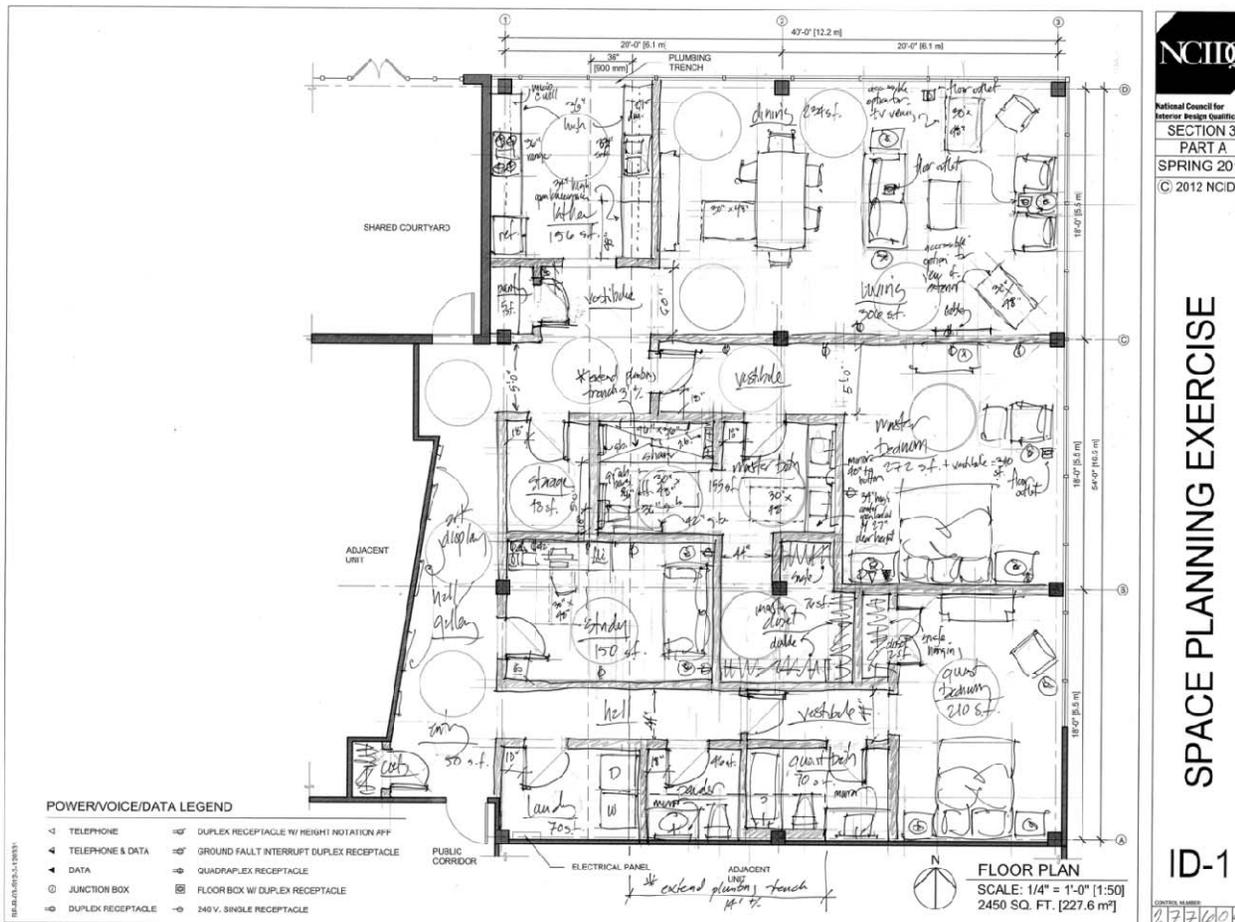
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- Interior Design Practicum (PRAC)
 - ▣ Seven independent exercises
 - ▣ Variety of scales
 - ▣ Eight hours of testing
 - ▣ Graded by trained NCIDQ Certificate Holders

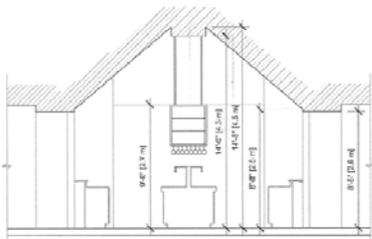


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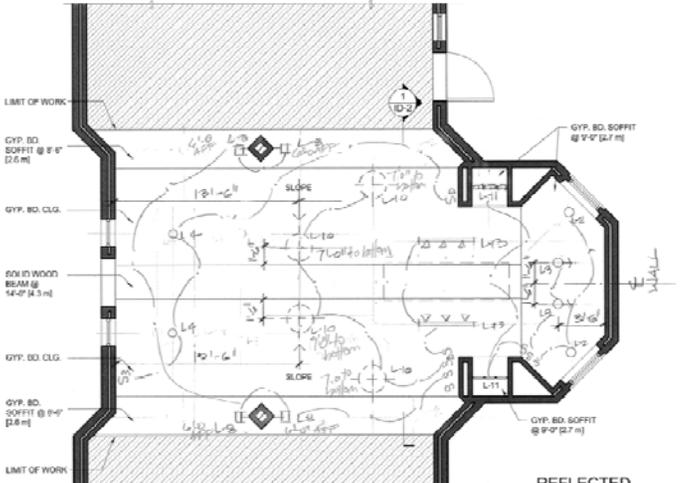
Exercise 1 – Space Planning



□ Exercise 2 – Lighting Design



BUILDING SECTION
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0" [1:50]



REFLECTED CEILING PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0" [1:50]
686 SQ. FT. [64.8 m²]

LIGHTING SCHEDULE					
TAG	SYMBOL	WATT/FIXTURE	QUANTITY	TOTAL WATTS	DESCRIPTION, SELECTION RATIONALE
L-11	—	20	6	120	TRACK LIGHTING (UNDER SHELVING MOUNTED)
L-2	○	30	2	60	GENERAL PURPOSE RECESSED DOWNLIGHT FIXTURES
L-4	○	750	2	1500	RECESSED DOWNLIGHTING FOR SLOPED CEILING FOR GENERAL ILLUMINATION
L-3	○	30	2	60	RECESSED WALL WASHERS TO ILLUMINATE LIQUOR DISPLAY
L-10	+	24	4	96	DECORATIVE FIXTURES TO ADD INTEREST & CASH MOUNTS 7'-0" TO BOTTOM
L-8	□	18	4	72	BEH PROFILE WALL SENSORS MAINTAINED TO COUNTING & BAR AREA
L-7	□	150	2	300	TRACK LIGHTING TO ILLUMINATE ISLAND & WINE CLASS PACK.
				1080	TOTAL WATTS IN SOLUTION
				686 / 64.8	DIVIDED BY SQ. FT. / m ² OF SPACE
				1.6	= WATTS / SQ. FT. / m ²

SWITCHING LEGEND

- 1 SINGLE POLE SWITCH
- 3 THREE-WAY SWITCH
- 5 DIMMER SWITCH
- 6 DIMMER SWITCH LOW VOLTAGE
- 8 OCCUPANCY SENSOR/SWITCH COMBINATION
- 9 DAYLIGHT SENSOR/SWITCH COMBINATION

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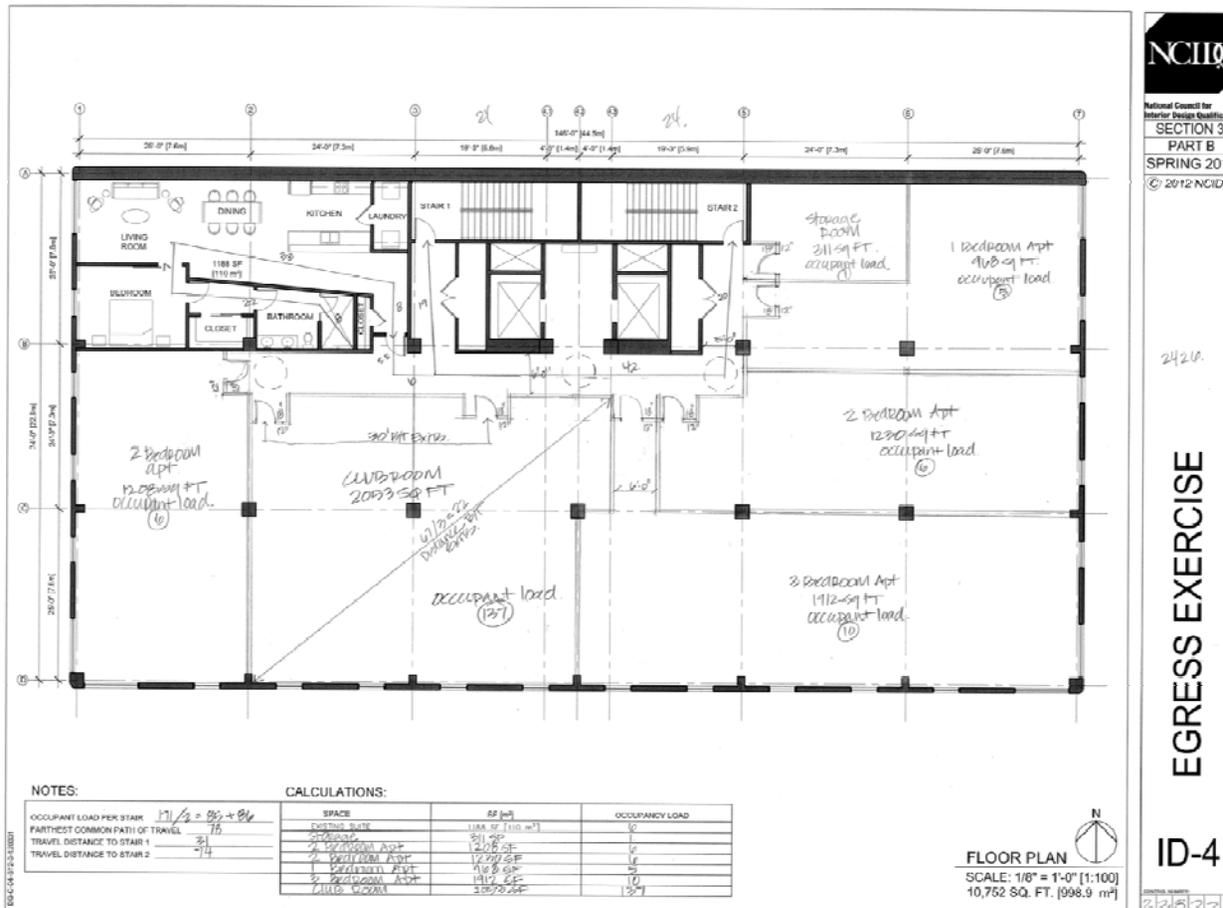
LIGHTING DESIGN EXERCISE

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□ Exercise 3 – Egress



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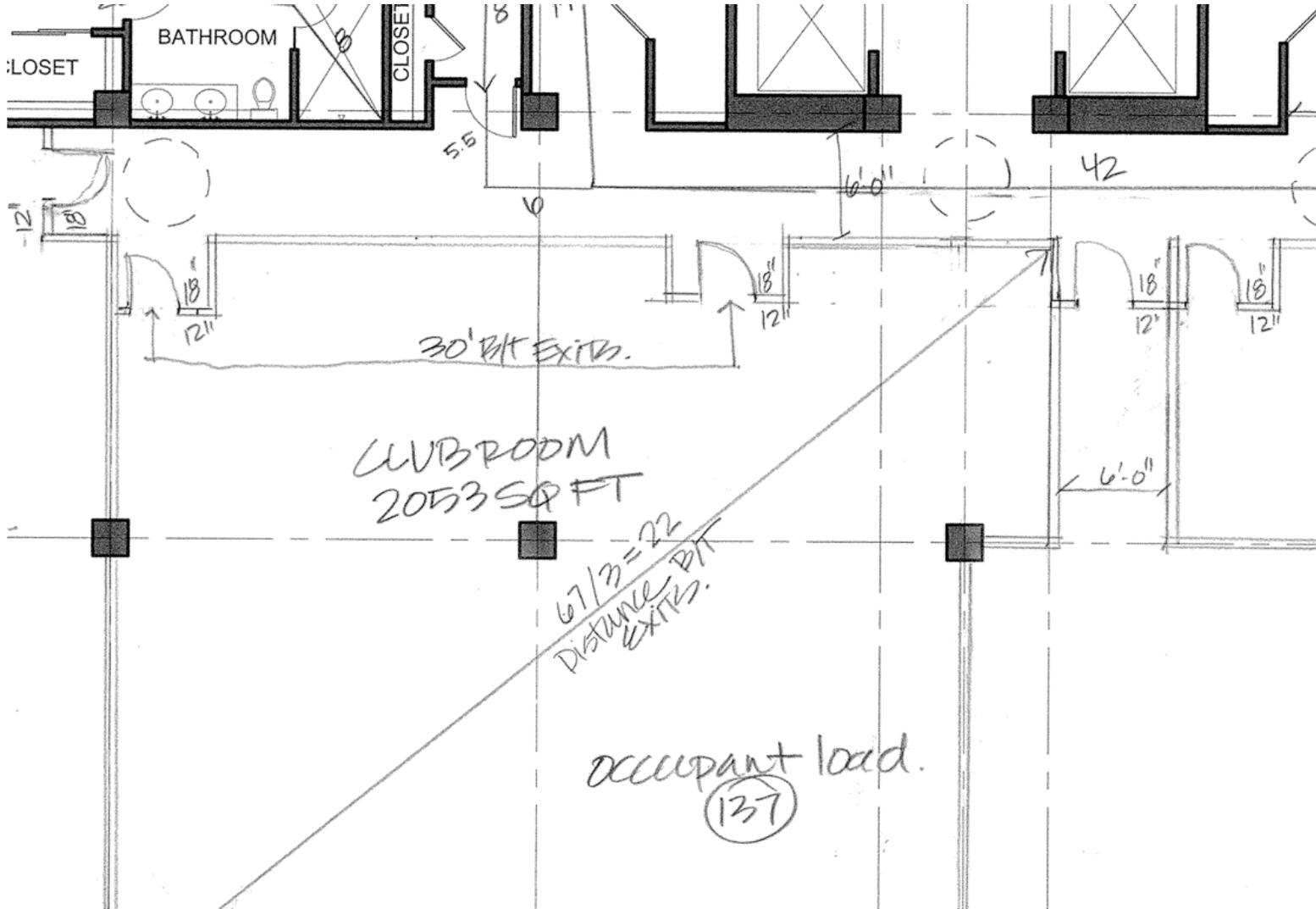
EGRESS EXERCISE

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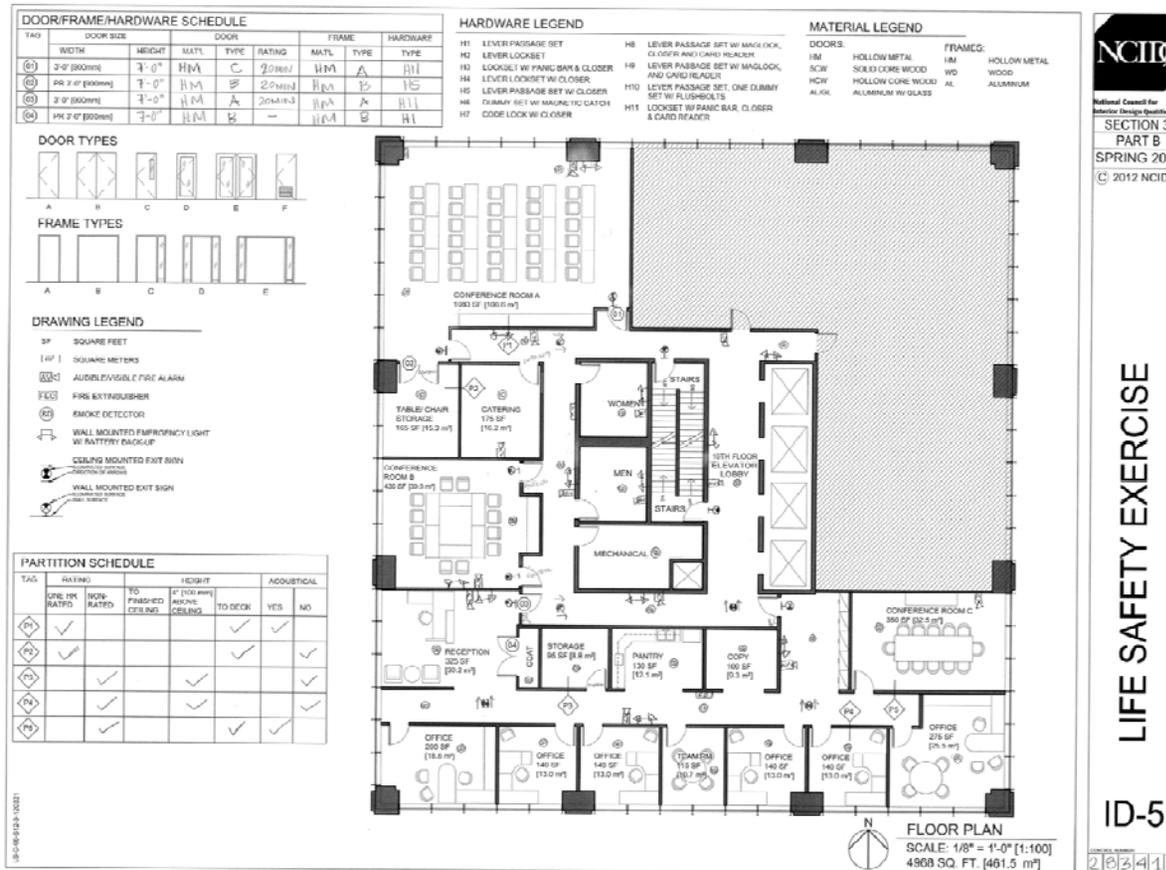
FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0" [1:100]
10,752 SQ. FT. [998.9 m²]

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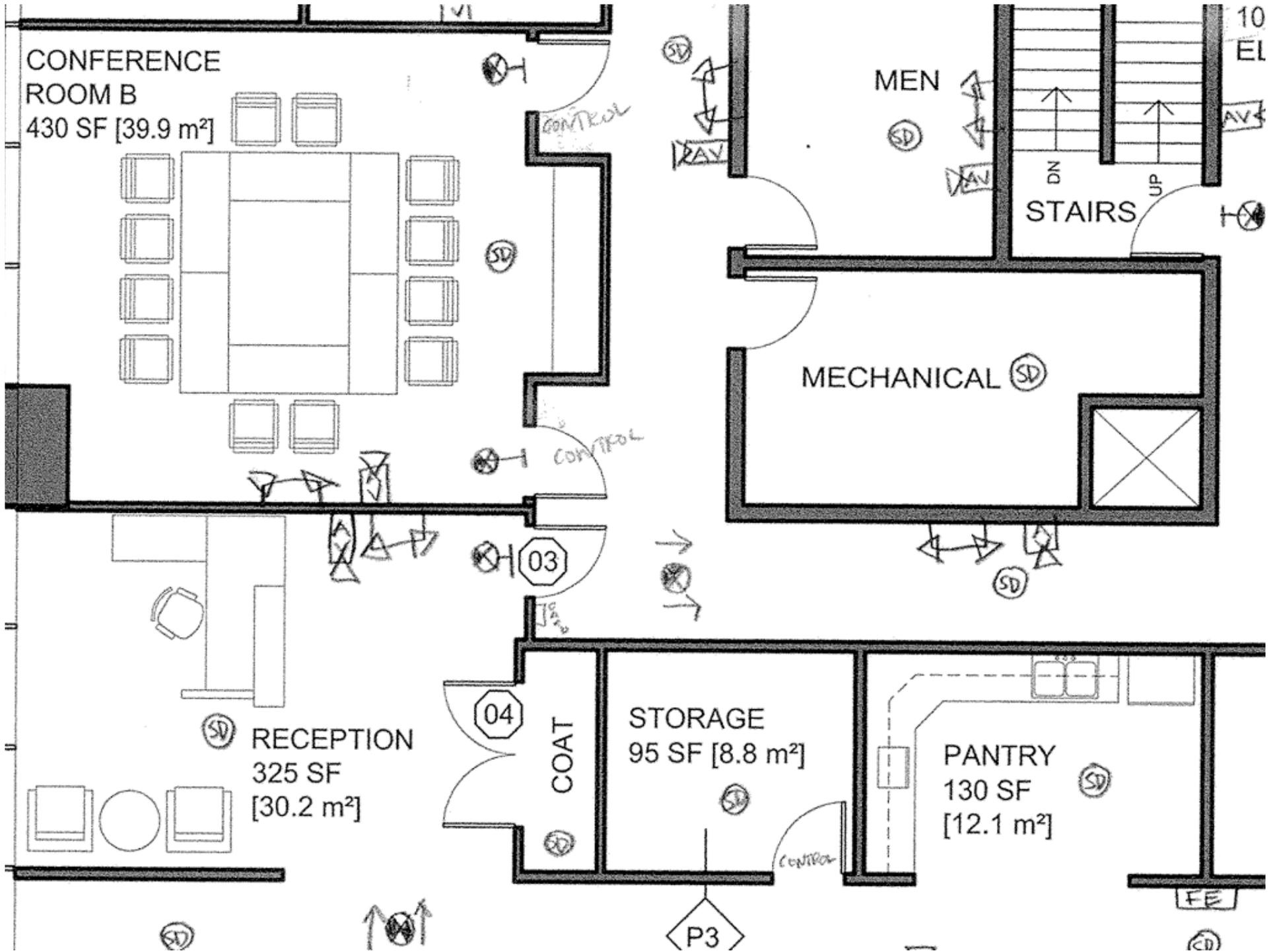
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□ Exercise 4 – Life Safety




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LIFE SAFETY EXERCISE
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□ Exercise 5 – Restroom (Washroom)

RESTROOM [WASHROOM] FIXTURE & ACCESSORY SCHEDULE			
TAG	ITEM	MOUNTING HEIGHT	
		STANDARD	ACCESSIBLE
◇	LAVATORY	34" AFF TO TOP OF RIM	28" AFF TO TOP OF RIM
◇	TOILET	17-19" AFF TO TOP OF SEAT	16" AFF TO TOP OF SEAT
◇	URINAL	17" AFF TO TOP OF RIM	17" AFF TO TOP OF RIM
◇	GRAB BAR		38" AFF TO TOP OF BAR
◇	MIRROR		40" AFF @ BOTTOM
◇	SOAP DISPENSER		48" AFF @ TO TOP OF CONTROL
◇	HAND DRYER		46" AFF @ TO TOP OF FIXTURE
◇	TRASH RECEPTACLE		42" AFF TO OPENING

NOTES:	
WET WALL SUBSTRATE:	CEMENTITIOUS BACKER BOARD
WET WALL FINISH:	CERAMIC TILE

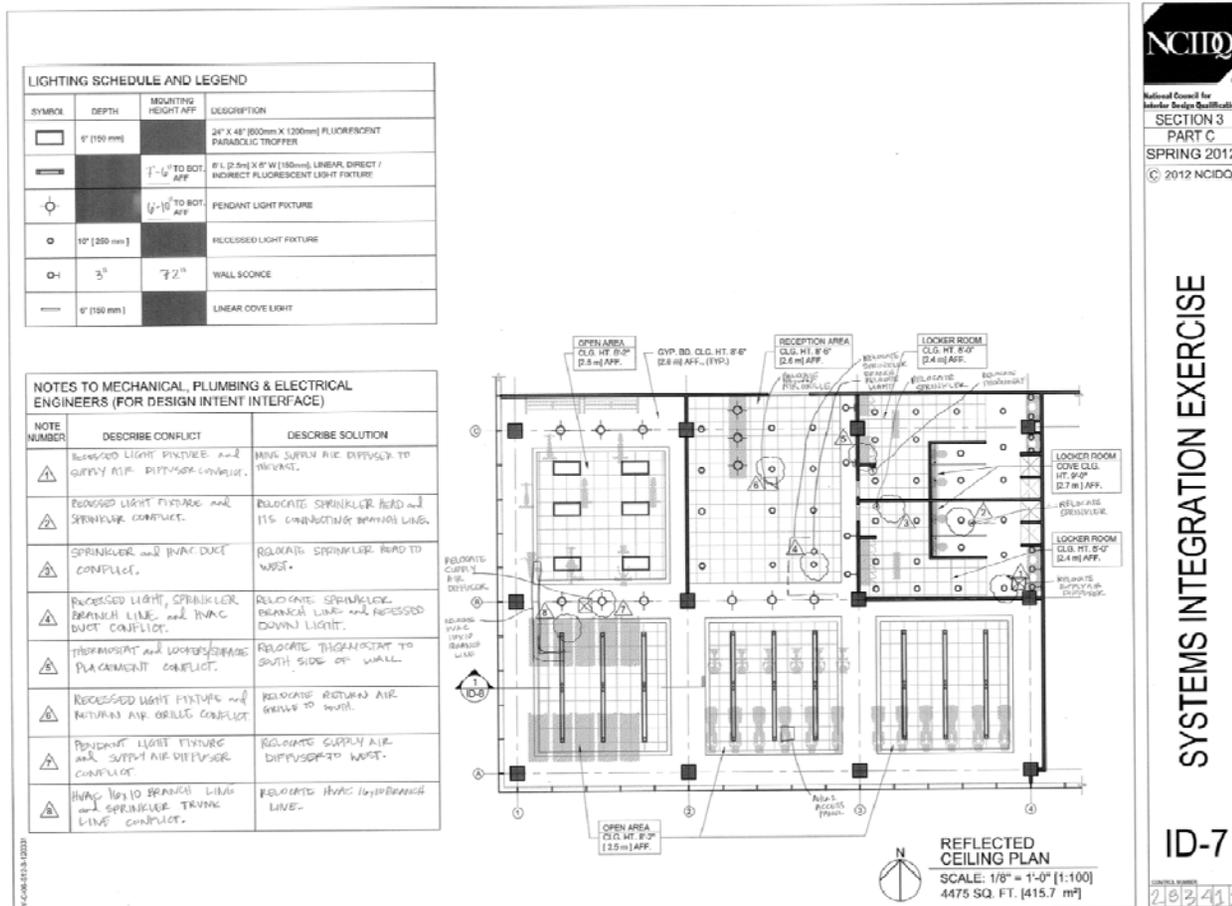
RESTROOM [WASHROOM] PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0" [1:50]
187 SQ. FT. [17.4 m²]

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RESTROOM [WASHROOM] FIXTURE & ACCESSORY SCHEDULE

TAG	ITEM	MOUNTING HEIGHT	
		STANDARD	ACCESSIBLE
1	LAVATORY	<u>34"</u> AFF TO TOP OF RIM	<u>34"</u> AFF TO TOP OF RIM
2	TOILET	<u>17-19"</u> AFF TO TOP OF SEAT	<u>18"</u> AFF TO TOP OF SEAT
3	URINAL	<u>17"</u> AFF TO TOP OF RIM	<u>17"</u> AFF TO TOP OF RIM
4	GRAB BAR		<u>34"</u> AFF TO TOP OF BAR
5	MIRROR		<u>40"</u> AFF @ BOTTOM
6	SOAP DISPENSER		<u>42"</u> AFF @ TO TOP OF CONTROL
7	HAND DRYER		<u>42"</u> AFF @ TO TOP OF FIXTURE
8	TRASH RECEPTACLE		<u>42"</u> AFF TO OPENING

□ Exercise 6 – Systems Integration



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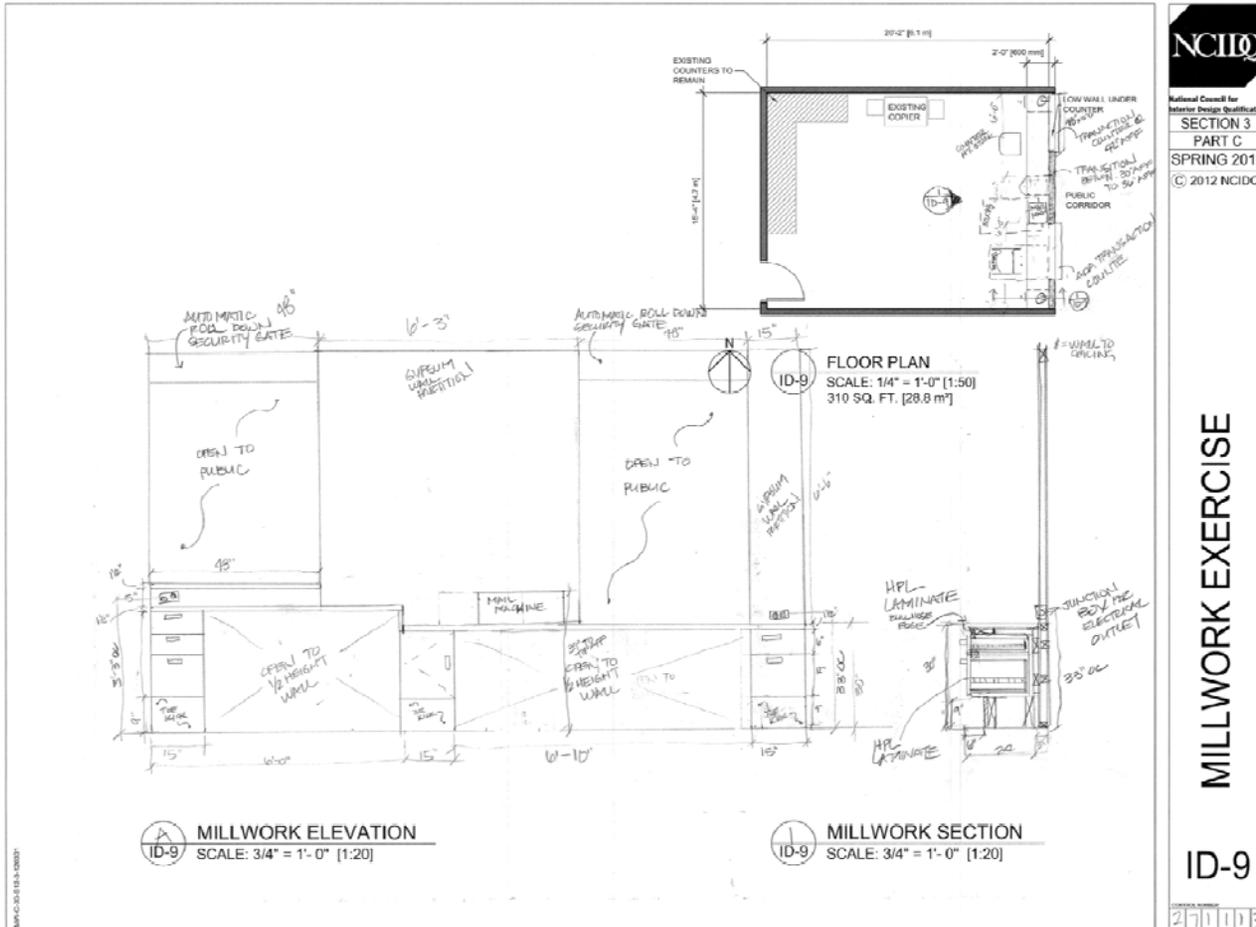
NOTES TO MECHANICAL, PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (FOR DESIGN INTENT INTERFACE)

NOTE NUMBER	DESCRIBE CONFLICT	DESCRIBE SOLUTION
1	RECESSED LIGHT FIXTURE and SUPPLY AIR DIFFUSER CONFLICT.	MOVE SUPPLY AIR DIFFUSER TO THE EAST.
2	RECESSED LIGHT FIXTURE and SPRINKLER CONFLICT.	RELOCATE SPRINKLER HEAD and ITS CONNECTING BRANCH LINE.
3	SPRINKLER and HVAC DUCT CONFLICT.	RELOCATE SPRINKLER HEAD TO WEST.
4	RECESSED LIGHT, SPRINKLER BRANCH LINE and HVAC DUCT CONFLICT.	RELOCATE SPRINKLER BRANCH LINE and RECESSED DOWN LIGHT.

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Exercise 7 – Millwork



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LAMINATE
BULLNOSE
EDGE

JUNCTION
BOX FOR
ELECTRICAL
OUTLET

30"

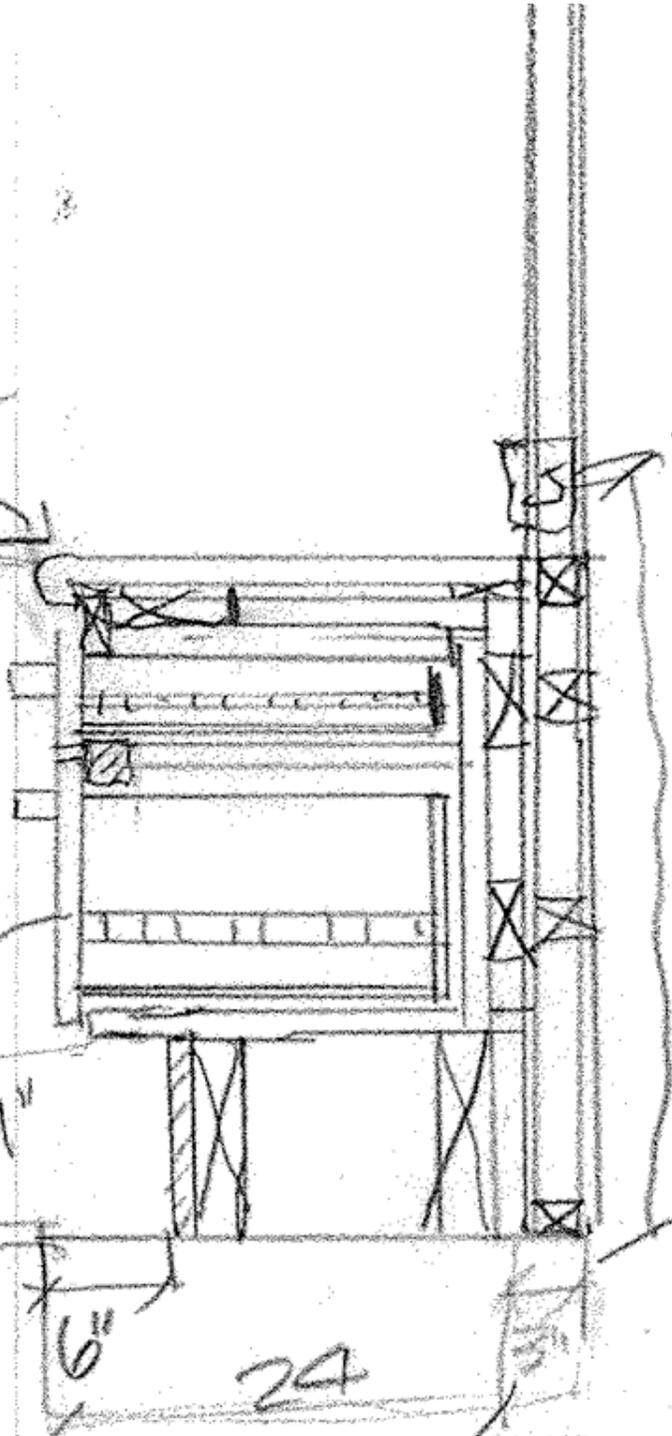
33" OC

9"

6"

24

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- **Grading of the Practicum Exam**
 - **Grading sessions are held approximately three weeks after the exam is delivered**
 - **A group of 40 Certificate Holders come together, and are trained by experienced Coordinators in psychometrically validated grading methods**
 - **Graders are split into three groups to focus on specific exam exercises.**

- Grading of the Practicum Exam
 - Each exam is reviewed independently by two graders for each group of exercises
 - Thus, each exam is independently graded by a minimum of six graders
 - Scores for each exercise are input at the grading center
 - Should an exam receive both a pass and a fail from the independent graders, it automatically goes to a third grader for another independent review



ANTICIPATED EXPENSES*:

APPLICATION=	\$210.00
IDFX=	\$275.00
IDPX =	\$325.00
PRACTICUM=	\$430.00

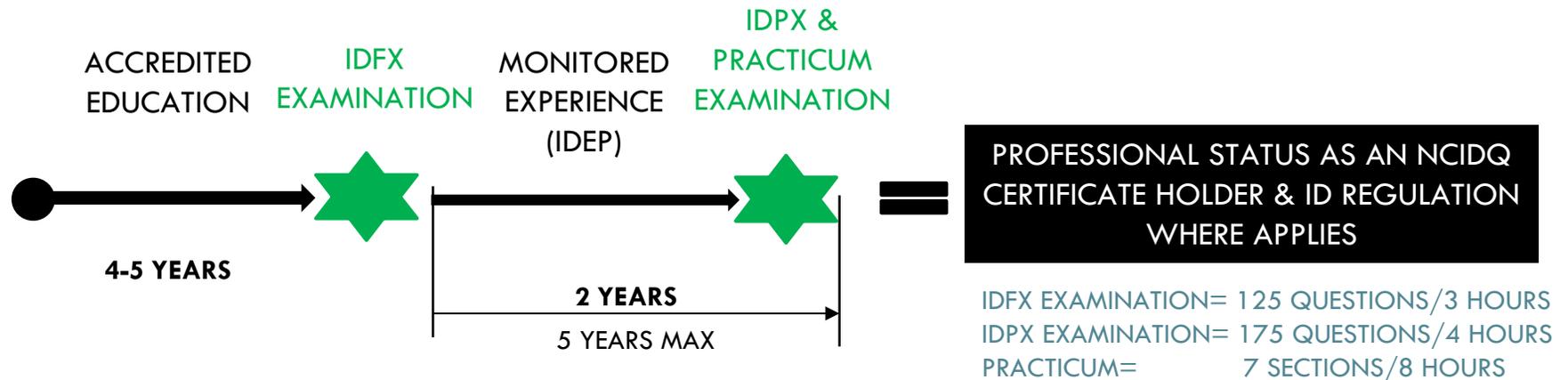
* ASSUMES PASSAGE AT FIRST ATTEMPT AND EXCLUDES PREP/STUDY AND PERSONAL EXPENSES-CONFIRM CURRENT INFO AT NCIDQEXAM.ORG

GENERAL PASS RATE**:

IDFX=	56%
IDPX=	58%
PRACT=	62%

** AVERAGE SPRING 2013 THROUGH SPRING 2014

THE IDEAL TIME FRAME:



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- Appellation and Logo:
 - Once an individual has passed the NCIDQ Examination, they become Active Certificate Holders, and have the right to use the NCIDQ Appellation and the branded NCIDQ logo after their name and in their marketing material.





- NCIDQ Appellation and Logo:
- Eligibility to use the appellation and logo requires Active Certificate Holders to renew their certificate annually, agree to Terms and Conditions, uphold a Code of Ethics and maintain minimum CEU requirements, which are randomly audited by CIDQ.



- Appellation and Logo:

- The appellation allows those who have passed the NCIDQ Examination to showcase their credential and demonstrate to the public that a certified Interior Design Professional is qualified to design spaces that protect public health, safety and welfare

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□ Questions?



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