

Professional construction management is one of the fastest growing and highest paying professions among business and design related disciplines (according to US Bureau of Labor Statistics & PMI reports). With future demand estimated at an 11% increase over the next 10 years, the current shortage of educated, skilled, and qualified professional construction managers will become even more severe resulting in higher demand and more competition to hire construction managers at higher salaries. The construction management profession offers highly rewarding careers that pay well above average because of the unmet high demand to fill positions.

At the same time the industry is burgeoning, it is also changing rapidly. Construction Managers have seen their projects becoming significantly more complex, with increasing pressure on time frames and budgets. Building Information Modeling and other sophisticated technologies are greatly aiding progress — but only for those schooled in their use. And the push for sustainable building practices has reached an all-time high, with calls to further reduce waste and energy use growing louder by the day.

A Construction Management degree will help prepare you for this exciting industry and, for those already involved in the industry, will help you to keep pace with the changes and rise above the constant challenges. To succeed at the management level, you can't merely keep pace with all the new developments — you must stay well ahead of them. That's the driving principle behind our Construction Management program.

Our curriculum delves deep inside the challenges managers face in the field today. At NewSchool of Architecture & Design, seasoned experts, who still work as CM professionals, design and teach courses to help students grasp the proliferation of new standards for building and construction materials, worker safety, energy efficiency, environmental protection, and risk mitigation.

While the technical knowledge is imperative to prepare you for a career in construction management, our program also focuses on the key skills such as leadership, team building, written and oral communication, and integrated project approaches which are necessary to lead teams of diverse disciplines and professionals through the complexity of construction projects from inception through occupancy. Our goal is to not only equip you to qualify for a job in the industry, but to prepare you for life-long career as a leader in the Construction Management profession.

On behalf of the faculty here, I encourage you to learn more about the Construction Management program designed to give you an edge in your career, and I hope you will be joining us soon.

Sincerely,
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