

THE RESULTS ARE IN:

Interior Design Program Chairs Reveal Perceptions of Credentials for Faculty

ACCEPTABLE TERMINAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR ID
DEMOGRAPHIC OF INDIVIDUALS (PROGRAM CHAIRS) SURVEYED

PURPOSE

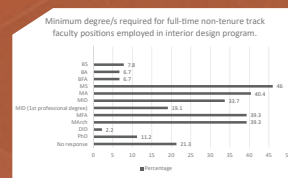
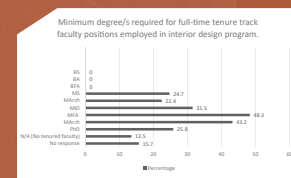
- 1) to determine whether program chairs in interior design have preferred degree credentials seeking a full-time tenure track faculty position or full-time non-tenure track faculty postion at their institution
- 2) to determine if there is a correlation between this preference and the demographic characteristics of the program chair's university and their own academic credentials
- 3) determine acceptance of an online terminal degree

METHOD

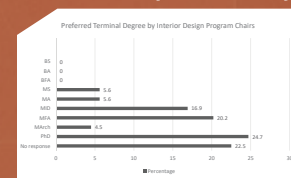
- 1) Correlation design approach was used in this qualitative research.
- 2) Multiple regression analysis was employed to analyze the relationship between the independent variables (the demographic characteristics of the program) and the dependent variable (the Hiring Perception Scale).
- 3) Multiple regression analysis also was employed to analyze the relationship between the independent variables (the program chair's credentials) and the dependent variable (the Hiring Perception Scale).
- 4) Descriptive statistics were employed in this study to explain the data collected. IBM SPSS Statistics version 23 was utilized in analyzing the collected data.
- 5) Before sending the survey to interior design program chair, several measures were used for evaluation of the survey instrument. They included a preliminary version of the survey, an expert panel, and a pilot study. The online survey instrument link was sent to interior design program chairs in interior design programs accredited by CIDA. The overall instrument response rate was 76% (n = 89) from the interior design program chairs.

DATA RESULTS

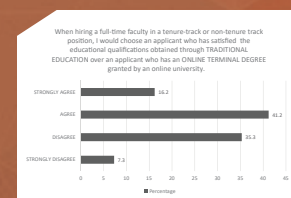
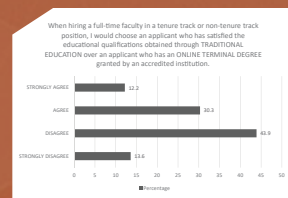
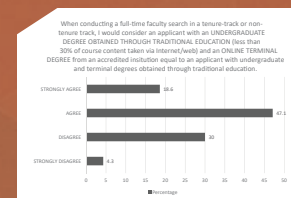
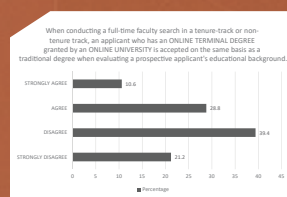
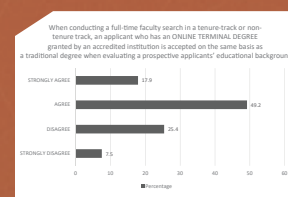
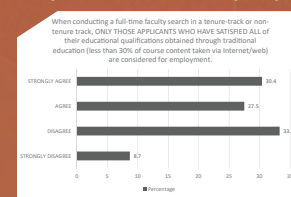
Institutional Degree Requirements



Preferred Terminal Degree by Interior Design Program Chairs



Hiring Perceptions of Interior Design Program Chairs



Institutional Degree Requirements
MINIMUM DEGREE FOR
TENURE TRACK POSITION

48.3% **MFA**

MINIMUM DEGREE FOR
NON-TENURE TRACK POSITION

46% **MS**

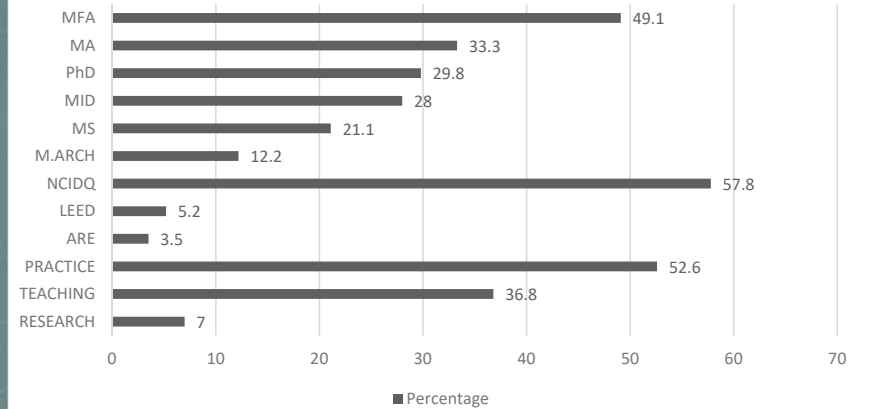
PREFERRED TERMINAL DEGREE

24.7% **PHD**

CONCLUSIONS

PERCEPTIONS OF IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR FACULTY

In your opinion, what would be the IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS for an applicant to hold when applying for a full-time faculty in a tenure-track or non-tenure track position at your institution?



Hiring Perceptions of Interior Design Program Chairs

When hiring a full-time faculty in a tenure track or non-tenure track position, I would choose an applicant who has satisfied the educational qualifications obtained through:

TRADITIONAL EDUCATION ONLY

33.3% **DISAGREE**

ONLINE TERMINAL DEGREE FROM
ACCREDITED INSTITUTION

49.2% **AGREE**

ONLINE TERMINAL DEGREE FROM
ONLINE UNIVERISTY

39.4% **DISAGREE**

UNDERGRADUATE THROUGH TRADITIONAL EDUCATION;
ONLINE TERMINAL DEGREE FROM ACCREDITED INSTITUTION

47.1% **AGREE**

TRADITIONAL EDUCATION OVER ONLINE TERMINAL DEGREE
FROM ACCREDITED INSTITUTION

43.9% **DISAGREE**

TRADITIONAL EDUCATION OVER ONLINE TERMINAL DEGREE
FROM ONLINE UNIVERSITY

41.2% **AGREE**

TOP 5 IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. NCIDQ 47.8%
2. PRACTICE 52.6%
3. MFA 49.1%
4. TEACHING 36.8%
5. MA 33.3%