

# Nicole Proano

ARCHITECT / INTERIOR DESIGNER

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## PROFILE SUMMARY

Passionate and detail-oriented Interior Architect and Designer with a strong foundation in architectural principles and a deep appreciation for interior aesthetics. Dedicated to creating functional and visually compelling spaces that enhance user experience while blending innovation, sustainability, and cultural influences. Seeking to contribute my expertise in high-end residential and commercial design to a dynamic team.

## EDUCATION

### ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY

2023 - 2025

- MA. Interior Architecture and Design

### NY INSTITUTE OF ART AND DESIGN

2023 - 2024

- Interior Design Certification

### UNIVERSITY SAN FRANCISCO OF QUITO

2017 - 2022

- Bachelor of Architecture
- WES Certified - US Equivalency Credential

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### RHome Plus, Hamilton NJ

JUL 2025 - PRESENT

#### Interior Designer & Sales

- Working directly with clients to understand design needs and guide them through product selections
- Creating and presenting design concepts for remodeling and construction projects.
- Creating detailed 3D renderings
- Supporting the sales process by preparing estimates and collaborating with the project team
- Maintaining communication with clients throughout the project lifecycle
- Working with the project manager to ensure everything aligns according to design.

### Floor & Decor, Princeton NJ

2023 - JUN 2025

#### Senior Interior Designer

- Lead the design of custom kitchen and bathroom spaces, integrating client preferences with functional layouts.
- Provided expert advice on material selection, ensuring aesthetic cohesion and budget alignment.
- Successfully managing 30+ client projects simultaneously, achieving a 95% client satisfaction rate.

### Floor & Decor, Hilliard OH

JUL 2023 - OCT 2023

#### Interior Design Consultant

- Collaborated with clients to conceptualize and refine design ideas for residential spaces.
- Assisted in the selection of high-quality materials, balancing durability, style, and cost.
- Prepared technical drawings and layouts for client approval, ensuring accuracy and attention to detail.

## SKILLS

- Space Planning & Optimization
- Sustainable Design Solutions
- Project Management & Coordination
- Material Selection & Specification
- Renderization (3D & Fotorrealista)
- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Lighting Design, Construction drawings

## LANGUAGES

- English: Proficient
- Spanish: Native

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## SOFTWARE

- AutoCAD
- Illustrator
- Sketchup
- ArchiCAD
- Photoshop
- Revit

## ATTRIBUTES

- Client-Centered Approach
- Collaborative Leadership
- Cross-Cultural Design Sensibility
- Organized
- Detail-oriented
- Creative thinker with a strong aesthetic sense
- Team player
- Excellent communication skills

## AFFILIATIONS

- IAD's student interior design organization
- Public Service with Club Ambato de Los Angeles, an international non-profit organization.

## HONORS

Featured in Academy of Art University's Spring Show 2024 & 2025

<https://springshow.academyart.edu/schools/interior-architecture-design/students/nicole-proano/>

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Lume by Nicole Proano, Ecuador & US

2020 - PRESENT

Freelancer Interior Design & Architect

- Designed and managed independent residential and small commercial projects, focusing on modern and functional interiors.
- Created high-quality 3D renderings and technical drawings using SketchUp, AutoCAD, and Photoshop.
- Consulted with clients on sustainable material options, maximizing energy efficiency and visual appeal.
- Collaborated with contractors to ensure timely project completion within budget.

### Corpo Ambato, Ecuador

SEP 2021 - DEC 2021

Intern Architect

- Supported the development of architectural plans for public and private sector projects.
- Conducted site visits and prepared documentation for project proposals.
- Coordinated with engineering teams to ensure design feasibility.

### University of La Frontera, Chile

OCT 2020 - JAN 2021

Intern Architect

- Assisted in the design and execution of construction projects for university facilities.
- Conducted research on sustainable construction practices to support ongoing projects.

### Whole Foods Market, Columbus OH

SEP 2022 - JUN 2023

Customer Service, Cashier

- Provided exceptional customer service in a fast-paced environment, resolving issues efficiently and effectively.
  - Maintained inventory and ensured compliance with company standards.
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