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LICENSURE MATTERS: PATRICK CARPENTER, AIA

Licensure Matters is a monthly series where we feature newly licensed members in an effort to inspire those currently on their journey. If you're newly licensed and want to be a part of the conversation email amy@aiakc.org.

How long did it take for you to complete your experience and all of the divisions of the exam?

It took me 4 years to complete my experience and 14 months to complete all the exams.

What was your study/test taking strategy?

Consistency. I tried to study a little bit but pretty often.

How did you stay motivated?

Staying positive. I knew I wouldn't pass them all the first time, but the study group helped to keep me looking forward to the next exam.



Why was earning a license important to you?

I knew studying for the exams would teach me a great deal and make me more valuable to my firm. I knew it would be helpful when working with other disciplines.

What advice do you have for others going through the process?

Just stay positive and keep going. If you try hard you will definitely make some progress. One year will go by and you will be amazed at what you have accomplished.

How did your firm support your journey?

TK Architects provided a lot of study materials, paid time off to take the exams and has Structural and MEP engineers that were always willing to help explain unfamiliar building systems. I am very thankful for having those people in my office!

Anything else you'd like to share?

I was very lucky to have friends and an understanding girlfriend that would support my late night of studying

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