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**Christine Trupiano, Detroit, Interior Designer,  
Earns Healthcare Interior Design Credential**

Detroit, Mich. — Christine Trupiano, an interior designer with the firm of Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. in Detroit recently passed the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers (AAHID) Examination and earned the prestigious Certified Healthcare Interior Designer (CHID) Certificate.

Passage of the Examination and earning the CHID credential signifies that Trupiano has met the standards for education, experience and examination and is a board certified healthcare interior designer. A minimum of three years of healthcare interior design experience, a portfolio review and professional references are required before being eligible to take the comprehensive examination. The CHID examination is a rigorous assessment requiring examinees to demonstrate competence in a variety of aspects that affect the healthcare interior environment. The examination covers acute care, ambulatory care/outpatient, long term care/senior living, medical facilities/other, retail/hospitality, support services, allied professions, codes and guidelines, environmental, evidence based design and professional business practice.

“AAHID is the standard to identify those interior designers who are uniquely qualified to meet the needs and challenges of the healthcare interior design industry,” explains AAHID President, Laura Ethridge-Morris, CHID, IIDA, Leed AP BD+C, Lean Green Belt, of Array Architects in Philadelphia. “The CHID certificate is the highest appellation available for a healthcare interior design professional and this credential is what every healthcare facility should look for when choosing an interior designer.”

Trupiano graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design and has worked in the interior design field for over 30 years. In her current position with Albert Kahn Associates, Trupiano is responsible for design, programming and planning efforts on higher education, corporate, industrial and health care projects. Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. is a full service Architecture, Engineering and Design firm that has been based out of Detroit, Mich. Since 1895 and touts an extensive portfolio in healthcare projects.

“We are extremely proud that Trupiano has earned the CHID certificate. This important, industry-recognized credential underscores our firm’s commitment to ensuring that our clients have access to the most qualified interior designers possible.” – Alan Cobb, CEO and president of Albert Kahn Associates, Inc.

AAHID certifies the knowledge, skills and abilities of healthcare interior designers. Certified Healthcare Interior Designers are distinguished and qualified by education, examination and work experience to practice healthcare interior design. The CHID appellation recognizes excellence, commitment and knowledge. It further distinguishes preeminent healthcare interior designers from other architects, designers, decorators and interior designers. More information about the organization may be found at [www.aahid.org](http://www.aahid.org).

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