

# IARA SILVA SANTOS

Interior Designer | Lighting Design Specialist

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Available to start immediately — remote | Open to sponsorship and relocation

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Interior Designer with an architectural background and 6+ years of experience delivering residential, commercial, and hospitality projects end to end — from initial concept and space planning through technical documentation, finish selection, custom millwork, and on-site coordination. Concurrently leading lighting design at a specialized firm, managing a team of six and overseeing approximately 240 projects per year across commercial, retail, and hospitality segments. Fluent in AutoCAD, SketchUp, Dialux Evo, and Enscape, with working knowledge of US standards including IES footcandle guidelines, ADA requirements, and IBC. Known for working independently with a high degree of organization and ownership — I take full responsibility for a project from brief to delivery without needing constant direction. Ready to contribute immediately in a remote capacity, with openness to sponsorship and relocation for the right opportunity.

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## CORE COMPETENCIES

Space planning & furniture layout	Lighting design & photometric calculations	Team leadership & project coordination
FF&E specification & procurement	Technical documentation & finish schedules	Budget & timeline management
Custom millwork & casework detailing	MEP coordination	Remote-first workflow & async communication
Wall elevations & reflected ceiling plans	Client briefings & stakeholder communication	US standards: IES, ADA, IBC

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Architecture Team Coordinator & Senior Lighting Designer** · Everlight Iluminação Jan 2019 – Present | Brazil (Remote-compatible)

Lead the lighting design team and manage an end-to-end project pipeline across commercial, retail, and hospitality segments.

- Personally develop and deliver approximately 60 complete lighting design projects per year — including photometric calculations in Dialux Evo, fixture specification, technical drawings, and client presentations.
- Oversee a broader portfolio of ~240 projects per year as team coordinator, providing technical direction, design reviews, and decision-making support for a team of 6 architects and lighting designers.
- Conduct site inspections for quality control, safety compliance, and design fidelity across complex installations.
- Optimized internal workflows between design and execution teams, reducing communication gaps and improving on-time delivery.
- Promoted to coordinator role in 2023 based on consistent project performance and team leadership.

**Co-Founder & Interior Designer** · SIS Arquitetura 2019 – 2025 | Brazil

Founded and operated a full-service interior design studio with a client base split approximately 70% residential / 30% commercial.

- Delivered 150+ projects end to end, covering space planning, finish and furniture selection, custom millwork documentation, lighting coordination, and on-site execution oversight.
- Produced complete technical drawing sets for each project — floor plans, wall elevations, reflected ceiling plans, finish schedules, and casework shop drawing packages.
- Coordinated directly with contractors, suppliers, and MEP consultants to ensure design intent was maintained through construction.
- Managed all client relationships from initial brief to final delivery, independently handling timelines, budgets, and scope decisions.
- Developed millwork and cabinetry documentation detailed enough for direct fabrication, minimizing RFIs and on-site errors.

## EDUCATION

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**Bachelor of Architecture and Urbanism** · UNA

Graduated 2020

**Postgraduate — Construction Management & Sustainable Building** · FAAL

Expected Dec 2026

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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### Design & Viz

AutoCAD (Advanced) · SketchUp + Layout (Advanced) · Enscape · Dialux Evo · Revit (in training)

### Standards

IES / IESNA · ADA · IBC · NKBA guidelines · Footcandle / lux calculations

### Documentation

Floor plans · Reflected ceiling plans (RCP) · FF&E schedules · Finish schedules · Millwork shop drawings · Wall elevations

### PM Tools

Asana · Trello · ClickUp · MS Project · Slack · Excel

### Languages

Portuguese — Native · English — Advanced (meetings, reports, client communication)

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*Available to begin remote collaboration immediately. I work independently and take full ownership of assigned scopes — structured weekly availability, responsive across US time zones. Open to visa sponsorship and relocation for the right long-term opportunity.*