

CEU COURSE

THE FUNCTIONAL HOME: KITCHEN APPLIANCES THAT ADD FLEXIBILITY AND FUNCTION TO YOUR DESIGN

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

1 HOUR CE CREDIT - AIA, IDCEC, NARI, PRO and NKBA

DESCRIPTION

Findings from the 2023 National Kitchen and Bath Association's Design Trends Report pointed to the growing importance of function and flexibility in kitchen and overall home design. Homeowners are seeking order, flexibility to accommodate a wider variety of needs, and breathing room in flowing floor plans and outdoor spaces. This course discusses the growing importance of outdoor kitchens, mudrooms, pantries, and spa-like suites, as well as how multigenerational living is changing household structures. The course will demonstrate how these factors are influencing home design and a wide variety of uses for what are traditionally considered "kitchen appliances" but are indeed household appliances that can help add flexibility and function to these spaces.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1. Identify kitchen design trends that maximize function and flexibility for homeowners, according to the NKBA 2023 Design Trends Report.
- 2. Explore the features and technologies homeowners are seeking in today's kitchen appliances.
- 3. Examine how induction and convection steam cooking appliances meet homeowners' desires for a healthier, more efficient cooking process while maximizing aesthetics.
- 4. Discover appliances that can be used outside the kitchen to provide homeowners flexibility and a more functional home for all residents.



