

## Veneer 101: The Beauty of Wood

### Course Numbers

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### Course Description

This introductory continuing education course explores the beauty, versatility, and performance of wood veneer in commercial furniture design. Participants will gain a foundational understanding of how veneer is manufactured—from forest to finished panel—and how its natural characteristics influence both aesthetics and performance. The course also covers best practices for specifying veneer, compares it to solid wood and laminate, and offers guidance on maintaining its appearance over time. Attendees will leave with the knowledge and confidence to incorporate veneer into their design projects.

### Learning Objectives

1. Describe the veneer manufacturing process from field to factory, including log preparation, conditioning, slicing techniques, drying, trimming, and grading.
2. Identify the natural characteristics inherent in wood veneer, including the factors that contribute to its unique appearance.
3. Explain how veneer is laid up on panels and applied to furniture, and how these techniques support design and production.
4. Recognize when and how to specify veneer for design projects, using best practices that align with client needs and design intent.
5. Demonstrate proper care and maintenance of veneer surfaces to preserve their beauty and longevity.

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