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**Nichiha USA Offers AIA/CES Course for Architects  
on Fiber Cement Versatility**

*CEU Showcases Premier Building Solutions, Reviews Building Codes and Safety Standards*

**JOHNS CREEK, GA, August 13, 2024** – [Nichiha USA](https://www.nichiha.com/), a leading manufacturer of top-tier building materials solutions, is elevating its continuing education unit (CEU) offerings with a new course endorsed by the American Institute of Architects (AIA). “Beyond Traditional Residential Siding: Fiber Cement Wall Panels, Offering Design Versatility, Performance, and Natural Beauty” will provide architects, designers, and industry professionals with the opportunity to further their understanding of the application of fiber cement cladding for residential construction projects [large](https://www.nichiha.com/multifamily-applications) and [small](https://www.nichiha.com/custom-homes-applications). It is now available live and on demand.

Those who participate in the CEU will learn how fiber cement’s flexibility affords a unique avenue for expression on the building facade, being able to closely mimic the looks of [wood](https://www.nichiha.com/products?styles=wood-cladding), [brick](https://www.nichiha.com/products?styles=brick-cladding), [stucco](https://www.nichiha.com/products?styles=stucco-cladding), [concrete](https://www.nichiha.com/products?styles=concrete-cladding), and other traditional building materials. Unlike the products it mimics, fiber cement cladding can achieve the same aesthetic for less cost and without the need for specialized labor.

“A building's exterior is its first impression, and the demand for striking, low-maintenance facades is on the rise. In our one-hour course, we'll showcase how [modern fiber cement](https://www.nichiha.com/blog/fiber-cement-siding-evolution) cladding combines exceptional high performance curb appeal, all at a cost-effective price,” said Vance Thomas, Director of Technical Services. “Architects and designers will discover how easy it is to achieve distinctive aesthetics with this versatile material. Beyond its visual appeal, the durability of fiber cement offers superior weather and [fire resistance](https://www.nichiha.com/blog/fire-resistance-is-not-futile#:~:text=Nichiha's%20AWPs%20are%20tested%20in,rated%2C%20fire%2Dresistant%20material.), functions as an [effective rainscreen](https://www.nichiha.com/rainscreens), and is resistant to warping and pests.”

Beyond product highlights and features, the AIA-approved course will address various aspects of health, safety, and welfare as it relates to fiber cement architectural wall panels in [residential applications](https://www.nichiha.com/residential-applications). Applicable building codes and safety standards will also be discussed.

“Beyond Traditional Residential Siding: Fiber Cement Wall Panels, Offering Design Versatility, Performance, and Natural Beauty” will be presented in a one-hour “lunch and learn” format and as a recorded video. Participants receive one learning unit (LU)/health, safety & welfare (HSW) credit upon completion of the course. There is no cost to bring this interactive program into various firms or chapter meetings.

For more information or to register for the course, please visit: <https://www.nichiha.com/continuing-education>.

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