



DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND— DEMONSTRATE YOUR PROFICIENCY WITH A LEED AP WITH SPECIALTY CREDENTIAL

SEE WHAT'S NEW

A new suite of specialties for the LEED AP, designed to keep pace with the green building market:

- + **Building Design and Construction**
- + **Interior Design and Construction**
- + **Operations and Maintenance**
- + **Homes**
- + **Neighborhood Development**

Why add a specialty to your LEED AP credential

The LEED rating system has evolved significantly since the program was first launched in 2000. Technological and scientific innovations, increased resources and wider consumer acceptance have resulted in a sophisticated and dynamic industry that continues to evolve at a rapid pace.

Recognizing the need for LEED Professional Credentials to keep pace with the green building market, the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) created a new suite of credentials: the LEED AP with specialty. These credentials allow green building professionals to designate specialized expertise in five fields within green building: building design and construction, interior design and construction, operations and maintenance, homes, and neighborhood development.

A LEED AP with specialty credential shows the market, employers and clients that its holder is keeping up with green building innovation and that his or her knowledge of standards and practices is current.

Additionally, all candidates for the LEED Fellow distinction, which honors the most accomplished green building practitioners in the field, must hold a LEED AP with specialty to be eligible for nomination.

How to enroll

GBCI has provided a two-year enrollment period for LEED APs to add a specialty to their current credential by completing a special course of

continuing education over a two-year period. The enrollment windows begin closing in August on a rolling basis through this fall. LEED APs should log on to their My Credentials account on GBCI.org to see their exact deadline.

Enrollment is free, and candidates will be able to use the specialty credential designation immediately, avoiding re-testing by instead agreeing to a prescribed credential maintenance plan. Details on prescriptive credential maintenance are available at GBCI.org.

Fees

All LEED APs with specialty pay a \$50 reporting fee at the end of each two-year reporting period.

Credential maintenance

LEED AP with specialty credential holders maintain their credential by completing 30 hours of flexible continuing education every two years. This guarantees that credential holders are exposed to the most current information in the green building industry and are equipped to apply that knowledge to their work.

GBCI developed the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) to help LEED credential holders keep current with green building practices, technology, and the evolution of LEED, while providing easy access to existing continuing education opportunities.

The variety of ways credential holders can earn their required hours make the process of maintaining your credential flexible, personal and meaningful to the credential holder's professional goals.



CMP Options



Self-study

Structured study (audio, audio-visual, written, online, etc.), an examination, or reading.

- **YOU EARN:** 1 CE hour for first hour; 0.5 CE hours for each additional full half hour
- **LIMIT:** 5 CE hours



College and university courses

Completing or teaching courses offered at accredited colleges or universities.

- **YOU EARN:** 1 CE hour per classroom hour
2 CE hours for time spent developing content for instructors
- **LIMIT:** None



Live presentations

Attending or presenting real-time presentations to an audience or via broadcast technology.

- **YOU EARN:** 1 CE hour for first hour; 0.5 CE hours for each additional full half hour
2 CE hours for time spent developing content for presenters
- **LIMIT:** 50% of required CE hours for attending and presenting combined; 5 CE hours for attending



Committee and volunteer work

Committee and volunteer work that support the LEED system.

- **YOU EARN:** 2 CE hours for holding a leadership position; 0.5 CE hours per meeting attendance
- **LIMIT:** 4 CE hours



Certificates, professional licenses, and credentials

Initial earning of a certificate, professional license, or credential related to green building.

- **YOU EARN:** 1 CE hour for certificates
3 CE hours for licenses and credentials
- **LIMIT:** None



Authorship

Publishing articles and books that are related to the relevant CMP categories

- **YOU EARN:** 3 CE hours for published article
10 CE hours for published book
- **LIMIT:** None



LEED project participation

Paid or unpaid work on a project that is registered for LEED certification

- **YOU EARN:** 1 CE hour per LEED credit or prerequisite
2 CE hours per project for being the project administrator
- **LIMIT:** 10 CE hours. Projects must be registered for LEED (but not necessarily certified)



Education Review Body-approved activities

Attending or leading professional development activities that have been approved by an ERB.

- **YOU EARN:** 1 CE hour for first hour; 0.5 CE hours for each additional full half hour
2 CE hours for time spent developing content for instructors
- **LIMIT:** None. The same instructional program can be counted only once.



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