

LEED Professional Credentials *by Thomas Taylor*

The U.S. Green Building Council has created the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) to manage the LEED process and the credentialing of all professionals.



The Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) now coordinates the professional accreditation program for the USGBC.

Three levels of accreditation:

1. Green Associate (GA)
2. LEED Accredited Professional
3. LEED Fellow

All credentialed professional must pay a maintenance fee and complete the required amount of continuing education classes.

LEED Professional Accreditation Green Associate

- Must have experience in the form of involvement on a LEED registered project
OR
- Be employed (or previously employed) in a sustainable field of work
OR
- Engagement in (or completion of) an education program that addresses green building principles.
- Your experience must be documented in the form of a letter of attestation from a supervisor, client, project manager, or teacher.
AND
- Must describe your involvement on the job or in the classroom.
- Must complete 15 hours of continuing education every two years.

LEED Professional Eligibility LEED Accredited Professional

- Must have previous experience with a LEED Registered Project within three years of your application submittal date.
- Work experience must be documented in the form of a letter of attestation from a supervisor, client, or project manager.
AND
- Must describe your involvement on the LEED Project as a consultant, contracted worker, member of the LEED Project team.
- Must complete 30 hours of continuing education every other year.

LEED Professional Accreditation LEED Fellow

The GBCI has not yet defined the requirements for this level of credential. However, the GBCI provides a description of the designation:

"LEED Fellows would become part of an extraordinary class of leading professionals distinguished by their years of experience and contributions to the standards of practice and body of knowledge for achieving continuous improvement in the green building field. This credential is still under development."

Notable Dates and Information:

November 10, 2009

AGC of America presentation of Building to LEED at the Greenbuild Conference

December 15, 2009

Webinar on LEED v3: Save the date

March 16, 2010

Presentation of the updated Building to LEED course material at the AGC Annual Convention in Orlando, FL

AGC's Environmental Network

Consists of:

- Newsletter
- E-Forum
- Online Resources

Available to AGC members and chapter staff by visiting www.agc.org/environment

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