

Education FAQs for New LEED Professional Credentials & LEED v3

Questions

Education & LEED V3

- How are USGBC education programs changing with LEED v3?
- When will USGBC's new education programs be offered?
- Will new reference guides be available and if so, when?

For Current and Future LEED APs

- I'm already a LEED AP. To maintain my AP status, I understand from GBCI that I don't need to retest if I opt in within two years and satisfy maintenance requirements. But what education is available to support me in remaining active? And, if I decide I'd prefer to retest, what resources are available?
- I plan to become a LEED AP under the new system. What education and exam prep materials are available?
- When will USGBC's new education programs and exam preparation offerings be available?

For Green Associate Candidates

- I plan to pursue the new LEED Green Associate credential. What education and exam prep materials are available?
- When will USGBC's new education programs and exam preparation offerings be available?

Education & Credential Maintenance

- I understand that the new LEED credentials require ongoing maintenance. Does USGBC offer any programs that meet these requirements?

General LEED Education

- How do I determine what education level is appropriate for me, based on my personal, professional and/or accreditation needs?
 - I'm not seeking LEED Professional Accreditation but need to have a solid understanding of LEED in my everyday work. Where do I start?
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Answers:

Education Support for LEED V3

- **How are USGBC education programs changing with LEED v3?**
[New education programs](#) being developed address the new LEED 2009 rating systems and the new version of LEED Online. USGBC's LEED core curriculum directly addresses the latest rating systems and is offered in a variety of formats:
 - *Green Building Basics & LEED* (100-level) – For beginners and those new to LEED.
 - *LEED Core Concepts & Strategies* (200-level) – For professionals seeking an understanding of LEED, but who may not be involved in implementation, or those seeking GBCI's LEED Green Associate credential.
 - Green Building *LEED Implementation Process* workshops (300-level) – For project teams implementing LEED, as well as professionals pursuing any of the LEED AP credentials.The complete course catalog can be found on [Greenbuild365](#). All participants of instructor-led workshops receive discounts and/or free online access to a reference guide.
- **When will USGBC's new education programs be offered?**
The complete course catalog can be found on [Greenbuild365](#).

New Education Offerings	Date Available
<i>Green Building Basics & LEED</i> (100- level)	Now Available
<i>LEED Core Concepts & Strategies</i> (200-level)	Now Available
300-level programs specific to individual rating systems	On a rolling basis aligning with GBCI's new LEED credentials
LEED Online V3 workshop	Summer 2009
Exam preparation resources	Beginning Summer 2009, on a rolling basis

	aligning with GBCI exam launches
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- **Will new reference guides be available and if so, when?**

Yes, the following new reference guides will be available for purchase beginning in April:

Reference Guide Title	Topics Covered
Green Building Design & Construction	New Construction, Core & Shell, Schools
Green Interior Design & Construction	Commercial Interiors
Green Building Operations & Maintenance	Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance

Guides will be available in e-copy and hard copy. E-copy versions will be downloadable and printable on demand within 30 days of purchase. Non-printable e-copies will be available to education workshop attendees and those who purchase hard copies. Look out soon for pricing and additional information.

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Although GBCI manages the credentialing program, it does not offer education programs or exam preparation resources. USGBC's education programs support GBCI's maintenance requirements and keep you up-to-date on the latest version of LEED. USGBC and its approved Education Providers offer [a diversity of education programs](#) at every learning level to support your accreditation maintenance requirements. Look for USGBC's exam preparation resources – study guides and sample exams for each credential, and an online exam strategies course (similar to an SAT Kaplan course) – to launch on a rolling basis beginning this summer.

- **I plan to become a LEED AP under the new system. What education and exam prep materials are available?**

USGBC's education programs support LEED credential candidates. USGBC's 300-level offerings specifically support LEED AP credential seekers. Visit the [Course Catalog on Greenbuild365](#) for a catalog of offerings.

Resources	Date Available
300-level education programs specific to individual rating systems	On a rolling basis aligning with GBCI's new LEED credentials
Exam preparation resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study guides • Sample exams for each credential • Online exam strategies course (similar to an SAT Kaplan course) 	Beginning Summer 2009, on a rolling basis aligning with GBCI exam launches

- **When will USGBC's new education programs and exam preparation offerings be available?**

New education programs are being rolled out throughout the year. Visit [Greenbuild365](#) for an up-to-date list of education offerings.

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LEED Online V3 workshop	Summer 2009
Exam preparation resources	Beginning Summer 2009, on a rolling basis aligning with GBCI exam launches

For Green Associate Candidates

- **I plan to pursue the new LEED Green Associate credential. What education and exam prep materials are available?**

Although GBCI manages the credentialing program, it does not offer education programs or exam preparation resources. But USGBC's education programs, including its [LEED core curriculum](#), support LEED credential candidates; specifically, the 200-level offering *LEED Core Concepts & Strategies* (available now via instructor-led workshop and beginning this spring, online) will support you in your pursuit of the Green Associate credential. Beginning this summer, look for new exam preparation resources – study guides, sample exams and an online exam strategies course (similar to an SAT Kaplan course). Additional programs at all learning levels – offered both by USGBC and USGBC's approved Education Providers – support your ongoing accreditation maintenance requirements. Find all current education offerings at [Greenbuild365](#).

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LEED-Online V3 workshop	Summer of 2009
Exam preparation resources	Beginning Summer 2009, on a rolling basis aligning with GBCI exam launches

Education Support of Credential Maintenance

- **I understand that the new LEED credentials require ongoing maintenance. Do USGBC's education offerings support this?**

Yes. [Greenbuild365](#) lists both USGBC and USGBC-approved [Education Provider offerings](#) that can qualify toward GBCI's continuing education requirements for LEED credentials. Visit GBCI for details about [GBCI](#) and [LEED credential maintenance requirements](#).

General LEED Education

- **How do I determine what USGBC education level is appropriate for me, based on my personal, professional and/or accreditation needs?**

USGBC's new LEED education programs offer learning levels suited to every need and level.

If you want....	...take this course
The basics of green building	<i>Green Building Basics & LEED</i>
An intermediate understanding of LEED	<i>LEED Core Concepts & Strategies</i>
To brush up on LEED credit categories and intents	<i>LEED Core Concepts & Strategies</i>
To learn more for implementing LEED projects	The 300-level course appropriate to the rating system you'll be implementing

Learn more about [USGBC's core curriculum](#) and where you fit into the learning spectrum. Find all current education offerings at [Greenbuild365](#).

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