

What Is LEED™?

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a building certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council and recognized globally. Its purpose is to provide independent verification of a real estate or building project's degree of resource efficiency. Areas covered include energy and water efficiency, indoor air quality, emissions, proximity to mass transit, use of recyclable materials, renewable energy, etc. LEED certification system is administered by the Canadian Green Building Council (CaGBC).



The Green Building Council for LEED certifies both the buildings and the professionals. The professionals could be construction or other types of engineers, Builders and constructors, facility managers, technicians, operational managers, etc.

There are two LEED professional certification as the entry level of "LEED Green Associate" and higher level of "LEED AP" or "Accredited Professional".

A building is rated as Certified, Silver, Gold or Platinum depending on how many points are received in each category.



LEED™ Certification

Most of the "green" jobs are, and will continue to be in the areas of making buildings and facilities of all types more energy efficient. Government will require third-party verification. As well there will continue to be opportunities in the area of renewable energy production.

Accepted worldwide, LEED is a third-party certification program for energy efficient buildings, either new or renovated.

All the work involving the certification of buildings under the LEED program, must be performed by a team having a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP).

If you work in a related field, the accreditation will look good on your resume. It should only take a month or two to get the "Green Associate" tag, and you can work on the Accredited Professional Certification (LEED AP) when you find an opportunity to work on a LEED project.

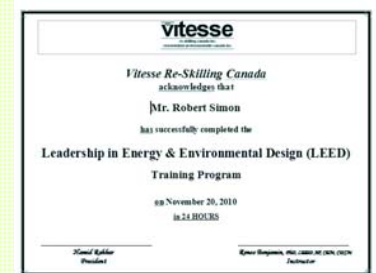
There are no prerequisites for enrolling and taking the LEED course and becoming a LEED Green Associate. However to become a Certified LEED Professional (AP), experience on a LEED project is required at some point. Taking the Green Associate test could be the first step for many people.



Vitesse LEED™ Program

- Vitesse is providing a 3 full day training course/workshop towards becoming a LEED Green Associate or LEED AP (Accredited Professional). The Vitesse LEED program is being taught by one of the award winning and well recognized LEED consultants in the U.S. and Canada and is focused on New Buildings and Major Renovations.

- This course is designed to help people to take the necessary LEED exam. Passing the LEED Exam allows professionals to have the required LEED AP designation to work in a team for certifying buildings.



- LEED Canada NC 2009 and LEED Canada CS 2009 have recently been introduced by the CaGBC (Canada Green Building Council). Vitesse LEED program is based on these latest versions in the Canadian environment.

- The program is being offered as an in-class course and at the same time by using virtual class facilities is be delivered as the real-time instructor-led online course to the remote students.

- Beside the instructor, a LEED specialist is dedicated for moderation and to provide additional help the remote students.

- Remote students will receive the course material prior to the class.