

What is GPRO Training?

GPRO is a comprehensive green building training and certificate program. Developed by the trades for the trades, GPRO teaches the people who build, renovate, and maintain buildings the principles of sustainability combined with trade-specific green construction knowledge.

Audience. Contractors and subcontractors, building construction trades, and building operators and managers.

Course Offerings. GPRO trade-specific courses fill the green gap between conventional and sustainable construction. All courses start with the basics of sustainability and the essential strategies and work practices that make buildings green.

Why GPRO?

Qualify for LEED credit. Trained contractors, trades, building operators and service workers can qualify for a LEED point for New Construction and Existing Buildings projects under LEED Pilot Credit 81.

Industry Buy-In. Urban Green has leveraged relationships with major industry stakeholders to promote demand for workers with GPRO certificates. Among some of the companies that have trained their staff with GPRO are: Skanska, Lendlease, Vornado, Turner, Related, Cushman & Wakefield, Boston Properties, and a few of the largest trade unions in North America.

Jobs and Economy. Green building momentum is consistently increasing. It's where the jobs are now, in both existing and new construction, and where jobs continue to grow.

Comprehensive Certificate Program. This learning system puts all the information about green building in one place. The material is relevant to what workers need to know in the field – it's not about learning a checklist. The GPRO exam provides third-party verification that students have completed and understood the material.

Building and Construction Trades Are Leading the Way to Sustainability. Transitioning the building and construction industries to a sustainable future will reduce the carbon pollution of the U.S. while supporting economic recovery and creating many green jobs that cannot be outsourced.

Long-term Benefits. Better building construction and operations typically result in energy savings and improved building performance that translates into long-term benefits for ownership and occupants.

Flexibility in Course Delivery. Your delivery preferences can be accommodated and there is a flexible process in place for training instructors.

Customized Content. Instructors focus on issues that are significant for your trade.

The GPRO Certificate. After completing the course, each candidate sits for an exam. Successful candidates become credentialed as GPRO Certificate Holders.



Frequently Asked Questions for Students

- 1. What do I need to do to earn a GPRO Certificate?** To become a GPRO Certificate Holder, you need to sit for the entire course and pass the exam. A passing grade is 70%. Once you receive your certificate, you are a GPRO Certificate Holder for life!
- 2. Are there any prerequisites to taking GPRO?** There are no prerequisites to take GPRO; however, all courses assume prior knowledge in the respective trade, except GPRO Fundamentals of Building Green, which is appropriate for a range of audiences.
- 3. Are there materials associated with the course?** Each student enrolled in a GPRO course receives a detailed, sustainably printed course text. Certified instructors teach the courses using fully developed PowerPoint presentations and classroom exercises.
- 4. Are Continuing Education Units (CEUs) available for GPRO?** GBCI and AIA (LU/HSW) credits are available for all courses based on the number of course hours. Students must attend all course hours to receive credit for CEU hours.
- 5. How can I best prepare for the exam?** Student resources are available on the GPRO.org website under the **Resources** tab. Students are encouraged to study from practice tests, test yourself questions, and the course text.
- 6. How is the exam administered?** A standard GPRO Exam is 50 multiple choice questions. A proctor, not the instructor, will be administering the exam in a closed book, pencil-on-paper format. The exam consists of definitions, concepts, and calculations. Students are given 75 minutes to complete the exam.
- 7. What is the passing grade for an exam?** 70% or above.
- 8. When are exam results delivered?** Exam results are typically delivered around two weeks after an exam session. The results are shared via email directly with students.
- 9. When is the GPRO Certificate delivered?** If a student passes, their certificate is delivered as a PDF attachment in the same email with their grade.
- 10. What if I fail an exam?** Students are permitted to retake their exam once before they have to retake the class again.
- 11. What can I do after earning the certificate?** Students who pass the exam emerge with a professional credential that can be featured on resumes, business cards, and email signatures. The GPRO certificate distinguishes professionals in the field who are looking to enter the workforce or advance within it.
- 12. How do you display the GPRO credential?** Certificate Holders are encouraged to display their credential on their email signature, business card, LinkedIn profile, with the following formatting **GPRO: [Module Abbreviation]**

If you have additional questions, please contact the GPRO team at gpro@urbangreencouncil.org