

Green Globes Professional™ (GGP) Program Details

The Green Building Initiative created the Green Globes® Professional (GGP) program to train qualified individuals to become expert users of the Green Globes environmental assessment, rating and certification system. Certified GGPs possess a demonstrated knowledge of green building and management practices, familiarity with the Green Globes online evaluation, and expertise with the third-party assessment process.

Interested parties should first review the [minimum qualifications](#) to determine their eligibility for the program. If eligible, candidates must apply online, pay the application fee, and submit their completed application form or résumé for review. Once approved, candidates will be authorized to purchase the GGP Package, which includes the training materials, final exam, and initial 2-year certification. Upon completing the program and passing the exam, GGPs can market their services as consultants on Green Globes assessment projects.

The GGP training program is delivered through an online learning management system (LMS) accessed from the user's GBI Account and takes approximately eight hours to complete. The training is divided into eight lessons, and each lesson includes a video presentation and study guide. The final exam consists of 100 multiple-choice questions and is accessible online after completing all training components. You must achieve a minimum score of 80 percent on the exam to become certified. If you do not achieve a passing score, you may retake the exam at no additional cost. After successful completion of the exam, GBI staff will review your score, process your certification, and provide instruction for obtaining your GGP certificate.

The GGP program has been approved by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for continuing education (CES) credit under the course code "GBIGGPTJUL16" and the course title "Green Globes Professional Training." Those who complete the training and pass the exam with an 80 percent or higher are eligible to receive 8 LU/HSW credits from AIA. Eligible individuals should contact GBI at training@thegbi.org after passing the exam and provide their AIA member number for credit reporting.

The following is an outline of the GGP program goals and objectives:

Lesson 1: Introduction

- Why Green Building is Important
- The Green Building Initiative
- The History of Green Globes
- Benefits of Green Globes Certification

Learning Objectives

- Explain the importance of building sustainability.
- Describe the history of the Green Building Initiative and Green Globes.

Lesson 2: Green Globes Overview

- Green Globes Overview
- Areas, Points & Concepts
- Roles & Responsibilities

Learning Objectives

- Recall the features that make the Green Globes rating system unique.
- Identify the Green Globes programs.
- Describe the Green Globes Continuum.
- List and explain the benefits of using Green Globes.
- Describe the organization of criteria.
- Recall the variances of Green Globes environmental assessment areas between programs.
- Describe the roles and responsibilities of the various individuals involved in the Green Globes assessment process.

Lesson 3: Green Globes NC Program

- Features
- Eligibility Guidance
- Criteria and Point Allocations
- Timeline, Tasks, and Process Flowchart
- Request and View Quotes
- Register a Project and Order Assessment
- Complete and Submit Survey
- Design Review
- On-site Assessment
- Assessment Guidance

Learning Objectives

- Describe the features and eligibility for the Green Globes for New Construction (NC) program.
- Explain the Environmental Assessment Areas.
- Understand the assessment process.

Lesson 4: Green Globes SI Program

- Features
- Eligibility Guidance
- Criteria and Point Allocations
- Timeline, Tasks, and Process Flowchart
- Request and View Quotes
- Register a Project and Order Assessment
- Complete and Submit Survey
- Design Review
- On-site Assessment
- Final CD Assessment
- Assessment Guidance

Learning Objectives

- Identify the features and eligibility for the Green Globes for Sustainable Interiors (SI) program.
- Explain the Environmental Assessment Areas.
- Understand the two assessment processes and describe the differences.

Lesson 5: Green Globes EB Program

- Benchmarking
- Features
- Eligibility Guidance
- Criteria and Point Allocations
- Timeline, Tasks, and Process Flowchart
- Request and View Quotes
- Register a Project and Order Assessment
- Complete and Submit Survey
- On-site Assessment
- Assessment Guidance

Learning Objectives

- Describe the features and eligibility for the Green Globes for Existing Building (EB) program.
- List and explain the Environmental Assessment Areas.
- Understand the assessment and certification process.

Lesson 6: Green Globes EB Healthcare Program

- Overview
- Features
- Eligibility Guidance
- Criteria and Point Allocations
- Timeline, Tasks, and Process Flowchart
- Request and View Quotes
- Register a Project and Order Assessment
- Complete and Submit Survey
- On-site Assessment

Learning Objectives

- List the difference in eligibility for EB Healthcare compared to EB.
- Explain the adaptations made within the Environmental Assessment Areas to accommodate healthcare.

Lesson 7: Recognition, Resources and Benefits

- Recognition
- Available Resources
- Benefits of Becoming a GGP
 - LinkedIn Forum
 - Marketing Materials
 - Online Directory Listing

Learning Objectives

- Describe the recognition options offered for certified buildings.
- List the available resources and understand how to find them.

Lesson 8: Exam Instructions



Certified Professionals are encouraged to use the GGP title and logo to promote Green Globes and market their GGP services. Logos are available to GGPs through an online reference library within their GBI User Account. Additionally, a [Certified Professional Directory](#) is available on the GBI website.

After achieving certification, GGPs are expected to keep their Green Globes knowledge current by periodically reviewing the online materials and completing training updates as they become available. It is strongly encouraged to log into the training account at least every 30 days in order to keep the account status active as our vendor may periodically purge inactive accounts.

Initial GGP certification is valid for two years, at which point payment of biennial recertification dues is required to maintain certification.