

LEED GREEN ASSOCIATE EXAM: TWO WEEK STUDY PLAN



OVERVIEW

This step-by-step plan will get you ready to pass the LEED® Green Associate™ exam in two weeks. Plan to study 3-5 hours each day, depending on your own pace.

To get started, [create a free account on usgbc.org](#) if you do not already have one. Make sure you are signed into your account, so that you can view the course pages. If you are a student, check the “I am a student” box to receive discounts on exam registration.

The page for each day’s study plan will include links and/or resources to download that you will need to study.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

In addition to the free resources included on the course page for each day’s study plan, you’ll need to purchase the [Study Bundle: LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide, LEED v4 Edition and LEED Core Concepts Guide](#). Within the LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide, refer to the Digital Resources section for the code to access the [online resources](#) associated with the guide.

For questions about the LEED Green Associate credential or exam visit [usgbc.org/credentials](#).

DAY 1 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topics:

Introduction to green buildings and communities
Sustainable thinking
Becoming a LEED Green Associate
The test process

Study activities:

Watch video “What is a green building?”
Watch video “What is LEED?”
Watch video “What is a LEED Green Associate”
Read *LEED Green Associate Candidate Handbook* (18 pages)
Read Sections 1 and 2 of the *LEED Core Concepts Guide* (30 pages)
Read Chapters 1 and 2 of the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide* and complete the practice questions (26 pages)

DAY 2 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topics:

Sustainable thinking at work: New processes for building green
LEED v4 key concepts and themes
Overview of USGBC and LEED

Study activities:

Read Section 3 of the *LEED Core Concepts Guide* (18 pages)
Read Chapters 3 and 4 of the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide* and complete the practice questions at the end of each chapter (44 pages)
Register for the LEED Green Associate exam

DAY 3 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topic:

Overview of USGBC and LEED (continued)

Read article *World Green Building Council Showcases Cost-Effective Green Building Benefits Throughout the World*

Read article *Green Building 101: What is LEED?*

Watch the online course "Introduction to LEED v4"

Study activities:

Read the Minimum Program Requirements section (Document pages 29-31) of the *LEED Building Design + Construction Reference Guide, Excerpt v4 Edition* (4 pages)

Read the Credit Overview section (Document pages 33 - 55) of the *LEED Building Design + Construction Reference Guide, Excerpt v4 Edition* (22 pages)

Read LEED Certification Process section and Minimum Program Requirements section of the *LEED v4 User Guide* (9 pages)

Read *LEED v4 Impact Category and Point Allocation Process Overview* (16 pages)

Review the LEED Addenda Database

Review online flash cards

Complete online quiz

DAY 4 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topic:

Location & Transportation

Study activities:

Read the Location & Transportation portion of Section 4 of the *LEED Core Concepts Guide* (4 pages)

Read Chapter 5 of the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide* and complete the practice questions (20 pages)

Review online flash cards

Complete online quiz

DAY 5 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topic:

Sustainable Sites

Optional activity:

Read article *Green Building 101: What makes a site sustainable?*

Study activities:

Read the Sustainable Sites portion of Section 4 of the *LEED Core Concepts Guide* (5 pages)

Read Chapter 6 of the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide* and complete the practice questions (16 pages)

Review online flash cards

Complete online quiz

DAY 6 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topic:

Water Efficiency

Optional activity:

Read article *Green Building 101: How does water efficiency impact a building?*

Study activities:

Read the Water Efficiency portion of Section 4 of the *LEED Core Concepts Guide* (3 pages)

Read Chapter 7 of the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide* and complete the practice questions (18 pages)

Review online flash cards

Complete online quiz

DAY 7 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topic:

Energy & Atmosphere

Optional activity:

Read article *Green Building 101: Why is energy efficiency important?*

Study activities:

Read the Energy & Atmosphere portion of Section 4 of the *LEED Core Concepts Guide* (7 pages)

Read Chapter 8 of the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide* and complete the practice questions (24 pages)

Review online flash cards

Complete online quiz

DAY 8 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topic:

Materials & Resources

Optional activities:

Read article *Green Building 101: Sustainable materials and resources*

Watch video "The Story of Stuff"

Study activities:

Read the Materials & Resources portion of Section 4 of the *LEED Core Concepts Guide* (6 pages)

Read Chapter 9 of the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide* and complete the practice questions (18 pages)

Review online flash cards

Complete online quiz

DAY 9 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topic:

Indoor Environmental Quality

Optional activity:

Read article *Green Building 101: What is indoor environmental quality?*

Study activities:

Read the Indoor Environmental Quality portion of Section 4 of the *LEED Core Concepts Guide* (7 pages)

Read Chapter 10 of the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide* and complete the practice questions (19 pages)

Review online flash cards

Complete online quiz

DAY 10 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topics:

About USGBC and LEED
Innovation
Regional Priority
Exam primary references

Study activities:

Read Section 5 and the Conclusion of the *LEED Core Concepts Guide* (12 pages)

Read Chapter 11 of the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide* and complete the practice questions (19 pages)

Read the Exam Primary References in Chapter 12 of the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide*

Review online flash cards

Complete online quiz

DAY 11 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topics:

Reference Guide Introduction and Appendices
Rating System Selection
LEED Certification

Study activities:

Introduction section (Document pages 1 -27) of the *LEED Building Design + Construction Reference Guide Excerpt, v4 Edition* (27 pages)

Read the “Appendices” section (Document pages 56-67) of the *LEED Building Design + Construction Reference Guide Excerpt v4 Edition* (12 pages)

Read *LEED v4 Rating System Selection Guidance*

Read *Guide to LEED Certification: Commercial* (16 pages)

DAY 12 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topics:

Test taking tips
Review recommendations
Practice exam

Study activities:

Review the LEED Certification Standards and References and the LEED v4 for BD+C: New Construction and Major Renovation Checklist found in the Appendix of the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide*

Review the exam day strategies (3 pages)

Revisit key study materials

Complete the sample exam in the *LEED Green Associate Exam Preparation Guide*

Score your results and identify areas to review

DAY 13 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topics:

Additional resources
Practice exam

Study activities:

Take a practice exam online

Use your results to identify study areas to re-review

Consider purchasing additional study materials if you did not pass practice exams

DAY 14 STUDY PLAN >>>

Topic:

Next step as a LEED Green Associate

Study activities:

Promote your new credential

Share feedback with Education @USGBC on your study experience

Maintain your LEED Green Associate credential