

## 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. Credentialed 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 two-year credential. 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 14 sessions and each session 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 obtain the credential. 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 and provide instruction for obtaining your GGP credential.

The GGP program has been approved by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for continuing education (CES) credit under the course code "GBIGGP20" and the course title "Green Globes Professional Training 2020." 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](mailto: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:

### **Session 1 - Importance of Sustainable Buildings**

- Built Environment Impacts
- Resilience
- Adoption of Green Building Practices
- Benefits of Green Building
- Local Initiatives
- Benefits of Third-Party Certification
- Market Barriers
- GBI's Green Globes Third-Party Certification

### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand the impacts of the built environment
- Explore solutions to the problems created by construction and the built environment
- Recognize the benefits of third-party assessment and certification

## **Session 2**

### **Lesson 1: Introduction to GBI & Green Globes**

- Mission
- ANSI Standards Developer
- The History of Green Globes
- Use of Green Globes in the U.S.
- Green Globes Certified Buildings by State
- Green Globes Certifies Commercial Real Estate

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Review the mission and vision of the Green Building Initiative
- Understand the history and development of the Green Globes whole-building rating system

### **Lesson 2: Green Globes Roles & Responsibilities**

- GBI Staff
- Project Manager/Client
- Green Globes Professional (GGP)
- Green Globes Assessor (GGA)
- Board of Directors
- Building Industry Advisory Council

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Describe the roles and responsibilities of the various individuals involved in the Green Globes assessment process

### **Lesson 3: The Green Globes Approach**

- Green Globes Programs
- Program Eligibility Guidance
- The Green Globes Continuum
- Green Globes Features
- Benefits of Green Globes Certification

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Describe the Green Globes programs and provide an overview
- Understand the Green Globes Continuum
- Review the Green Globes program features and the benefits of Green Globes certification

#### **Lesson 4: Green Globes Rating System**

- Green Globes Rating System
- Organization of Criteria
- Concepts

##### **Learning Objectives**

- Review the Green Globes rating system, organization of criteria and concepts

#### **Session 3 - Green Globes New Construction Program**

- Importance of Sustainability for New Construction
- Green Globes for NC Program Features
- Eligibility Guidance
- Questionnaire Features
  - Projects Page
  - Adding Collaborators
  - Project Dashboard
  - Navigation
  - Path Options
  - Printable Questionnaire with Scores
  - Overall Score
- Access and Complete the Online Questionnaire
- Tasks & Estimated Time Investment
- Design Review Report
- Onsite Assessment
- Post-Onsite Assessment
- Benchmarking and EB Certification

##### **Learning Objectives**

- Provide an understanding of the importance of new construction
- Describe the features and eligibility for the Green Globes for New Construction (NC) program
- Understand the NC assessment process

#### **Session 4: Green Globes for New Construction 2013**

- Environmental Assessment Areas
  - Project Management
  - Site
  - Energy
  - Water
  - Materials & Resources
  - Emissions
  - Indoor Environment

##### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand the Environmental Assessment areas and point allocations for Green Globes for New Construction (NC) 2013
- Review case studies from projects certified under Green Globes for NC 2013

### **Session 5 - Green Globes for New Construction 2013 Protocols**

- Core & Shell Protocol
  - Environmental Assessment Areas
- Multifamily Protocol

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand that the Green Globes for Core & Shell protocol is intended for teams with projects limited to the core and/or shell of the building only
- Recognize that the Green Globes Multifamily protocols are intended for teams pursuing financial incentive, such as Fannie Mae, and have additional requirements for certification

### **Session 6 - Green Globes for New Construction 2019**

- Green Globes for NC 2019 Features
- Environmental Assessment Areas
  - Project Management
  - Site
  - Energy
  - Water Efficiency
  - Materials & Resources
  - Indoor Environment

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand the Environmental Assessment Areas and point allocations for Green Globes for New Construction 2019
- Recognize the differences between Green Globes for NC 2013 and Green Globes for NC 2019

### **Session 7 - Green Globes for Sustainable Interiors**

- Importance of Sustainable Interiors
- Green Globes for Sustainable Interiors Program Features
- Eligibility Guidance
- Questionnaire Features
  - Project Page
  - Adding Collaborators
  - Project Dashboard
  - Navigation
  - Printable Questionnaire with Scores
  - Overall Score
  - Access and Complete the Online Questionnaire
- Tasks & Estimated Time Investment
- Assessment Process
- Onsite Assessment
- Post-Onsite Assessment
- Final CD Assessment
- Benchmarking & EB Certification

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Recognize the importance of interiors projects and the impact to occupants and sustainable

- operations
- Describe the features and eligibility for Green Globes for Sustainable Interiors certification
- Understand the two assessment options and identify the differences in process and benefits

### **Session 8 - Green Globes for Sustainable Interiors 2014**

- Environmental Assessment Areas
  - Project Management
  - Energy
  - Water
  - Materials & Resources
  - Emissions
- Assessment Guidance

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand the Environmental Assessment Areas and point allocations for Sustainable Interiors 2014
- Review case studies from projects certified under Green Globes for Sustainable Interiors 2014

### **Session 9 - Green Globes for Existing Buildings**

- Importance of Existing Buildings
- Green Globes for Existing Buildings Program Features
- Eligibility Guidance
- Questionnaire Features
  - Projects Page
  - Adding Collaborators
  - Project Dashboard
  - Navigation
  - Printable Questionnaire with Scores
- Tasks & Estimated Time Investment
- Onsite Assessment & Certification Map
- Access and Complete Online Questionnaire
- Onsite Assessment
- Post-Onsite Assessment
- Benchmarking & Recertification

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Recognize the importance of incorporating sustainability into existing buildings and how a Green Globes for Existing Buildings assessment provides guidance for improvement
- Describe the features and eligibility of the Green Globes for Existing Buildings program
- Understand the Green Globes for Existing Buildings assessment and certification process

### **Session 10 - Green Globes for Existing Buildings 2007**

- Environmental Assessment Areas
  - Energy
  - Water
  - Resources
  - Emissions & Other Impacts

- Indoor Environment
- Environmental Management
- Assessment Guidance

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand the Environmental Assessment Areas and point allocations for Green Globes for Existing Buildings 2007
- Review case studies from projects certified under Green Globes for Existing Buildings 2007

#### **Session 11 - Request & View a Quote**

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#### **Learning Objectives**

- Recall the steps to request and view a Green Globes assessment quote within your GBI account

#### **Session 12 - Register a Project & Order an Assessment**

- Register a Project
- Order an Assessment

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Recall the steps to register a project and to order a Green Globes assessment within your GBI account
- Understand the process for ordering an assessment

#### **Session 13 - Order a Plaque**

- Order a Plaque

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Recall the steps for ordering recognition items for Green Globes certified projects

#### **Session 14 - GGP Resources, Benefits & Wrap Up**

- Free Trial
- Training & Resources
- Green Resource Library
- Project Portfolio
- GGP Designation
- GGP LinkedIn Forum
- GBI Membership

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Identify the available resources and summarize how they support project teams through Green Globes certification
- Review the benefits of the GGP credential and understand how to market your achievement

Credentialed 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 [Professional Directory](#) is available on the GBI website.

After achieving the credential, GGPs are expected to keep their Green Globes knowledge current by periodically reviewing the online materials and completing training updates as they become available.

The initial GGP credential is valid for two years, at which point payment of biennial dues is required to maintain it.