



LEED for Cities and Communities Pro Training



LEED for Cities and Communities helps local leaders, developers and corporates create and operationalize responsible, sustainable and specific plans for natural systems, energy, water, waste, transportation and many other factors that contribute to quality of life—revolutionizing the way cities and communities are planned, developed and operated to improve their overall sustainability and quality of life.

The LEED framework encompasses social, economic and environmental performance indicators and strategies with a clear, data-driven means of benchmarking and communicating progress.

OVERVIEW

[LEED for Cities and Communities](#) helps projects credibly track progress toward overall sustainability objectives and allows for comparison with others around the world. LEED for Cities and Communities helps local leaders and private sector to:

- Benchmark performance against national and global standards
- Demonstrate a commitment to net-zero energy, water and waste as well as carbon neutrality
- Operationalize outcomes-oriented policies and strategies centered on sustainability, resilience and social equity
- Develop a culture of data-driven decision making, transparency and leadership
- Improve the standard of living and quality of life in cities and communities

Globally recognized certification process pros for LEED for Cities and Communities are needed to meet USGBC's goal of transforming all cities and communities to be planned and performing at the highest levels of sustainability and equity. Such experts are also expected to move these communities to net-zero energy, water, waste or carbon neutrality and beyond. Project teams need to understand various data and documentation needs of every credit and prerequisite. Additionally, they need to understand best practices and nuances of the certification process and follow it to offer a seamless certification process for their clients. Learn from USGBC staff who helped develop this rating system and now helping more than 250 LEED for Cities and Communities projects certify. With this course and badges, you're on your way to impacting and improving the planning and performance of your city or community.

About the training

This training is divided into two separate learning modules.

- [LEED for Cities and Communities Training Module 1: Rating System Pro](#)

Participants will get to know all credit categories and requirements with examples. Learn from USGBC staff and experts with the knowledge of certifying projects to this rating system.

- [LEED for Cities and Communities Training Module 2: Certification Process Pro](#)

Learn about the certification process, best practices and nuances of the data and documentation collection and working with Arc from USGBC staff and industry experts.

Learning Objectives

Module 1:

- Benchmark and recognize progressive sustainability strategies, policies and projects by certifying to LEED for Cities and Communities rating system (LFC)
- Integrate advanced sustainability strategies from LFC into sustainability planning and implementation
- Explain the purpose, intent, and requirements of key prerequisites and credits in LFC and the benefits of implementation
- Understand the requirements and the processes for precertification and certification and tools and resources available to projects pursuing LFC

Module 2:

- Establish confidence in participants' ability to pursue LFC certification for their project
- Understand various processes and steps towards achieving the certification
- Familiarize with key concepts, data sources, calculations and narratives
- Learn the value of using Arc for continuous performance measurement and global benchmarking

TRAINING PROGRAM

The training will be delivered in one day, in-person delivery format. Participants will arrive to the location and receive everything necessary to successfully complete the training and understand the learning objectives. Coffee and lunch will be provided by the organizers.

Description	Time
Registration and welcome	8:30 - 9:00
LEED for Cities and Communities Training Module 1: Rating System Pro – Part 1	9:00 – 10:30
Coffee break	10:30 – 10:45
LEED for Cities and Communities Training Module 1: Rating System Pro – Part 2	10:45 – 12:45
Lunch	12:45 – 13:30
LEED for Cities and Communities Training Module 2: Certification Process Pro – Part 1	13:30 – 15:00
Coffee break	15:00-15:15
LEED for Cities and Communities Training Module 2: Certification Process Pro – Part 2	15:15 – 17:15
Q&A and Closing	17:15-17:30

What you Get

This course is created by the U.S. Green Building Council and is approved for LEED credential maintenance for LEED Accredited Professionals and LEED AP ND.

- Finish this in-person 8hr training of two modules of four hours each and two respective online quizzes.
- Receive two badges: (1) the Rating System Pro, and (2) the Certification Process Pro
- Qualify for 8 continuing education credits
- Receive a “LEED for Cities and Communities Pro Training Certificate” signed by USGBC president and CEO Peter Templeton
- With this Pro Certificate and a LEED AP credential, become eligible to apply for 1 Innovation point on any upcoming or ongoing LEED for Cities and Communities project certification

In order to ensure participants can access online quizzes, and receive two badges and continuing education credit, each participant should have a USGBC.org account. If not, please open it at <https://www.usgbc.org/user/login> and provide us with the email address that you used to register.

About the trainer

[Vatsal Bhatt, Vice President, LEED for Communities, USGBC](#)

Dr. Vatsal Bhatt consults with the U.S. Green Building Council as the Vice President for Communities, where he helped conceptualize and make operational the LEED for Cities and LEED for Communities rating systems. He co-leads the Application Frameworks working group on the National Institute for Standards and Technology led efforts for developing “IoT Enabled Smart Cities Frameworks” and serves on the US technical advisory group for the ISO’s technical committee 268 for sustainable cities. He recently peer reviewed the Future of Housing Roadmap for XPRIZE. He is also serving on the Board of Advisors for the Wellbeing City Award mobilized by the New Cities Foundation. As a senior energy policy analyst at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Dr. Bhatt has worked on various national and international assignments for energy systems analysis and low-carbon development for the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Science Foundation, universities, foundations, and international governments. He has developed energy-water-climate change systems modeling for long-term national, regional and urban analysis. Dr. Bhatt has led the USDOE’s U.S.-India-China Cities Partnership for Energy and Environment for 2007-2014 and provided technical assistance to the governments of India and China and state and local governments on low-carbon urban growth strategies and EcoCity planning and implementation. He serves as a senior advisor to US Department of State managed US-China EcoPartnerships Secretariat. In August 2013, the Woodrow Wilson Center for Distinguished Scholars invited Dr. Bhatt to participate on a five-member panel to facilitate developing China’s Energy-Water Roadmap. Dr. Bhatt is an advisor to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for New York State Climate Act Integration Analysis Technical Advisory Group, Pathways Report focusing on 85x50 and 100% Renewables Study and EPRI project on NYS Electric System Climate Resiliency. Dr. Bhatt is a lead author of the U.S. Global Change Research Program’s first-ever assessment of the “Effects of Climate Change on Energy Production and Use in the United States”, Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.5.

PRICING

The following table list training fees for a one day in-person LEED for Cities and Communities training. Fees include coffee, lunch, training materials and delivery per person. Fees do not include VAT. All payments must be made 24 hours prior to workshop delivery.

Workshop fees	Price
Participation fee – USGBC and GBC Italia members	225€
Participation fee – USGBC and GBC Italia non - members	275€

For questions regarding the training please contact: formazione@gbcitalia.org