

## **CMP Opportunities – How to earn your 30 hours in two years**

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### **Professional Development/ Continuing Education Courses: Unlimited, may be LEED specific if ERB approved.**

- *Attend a professional development course that is a minimum 50 minutes in length. Attend same program only once in 2 years.*
- Attend ERB approved programs presented by vendors, trade organizations, or other organizations for as many CE hours as you would like. Make sure to get a certificate of attendance. See the attached sheet for a bunch of free opportunities.

### **Live Presentations: 5 CE hours max, No LEED Specific**

- *Attend a live presentation at least 50 minutes in length, where a presenter delivers content in real-time to an in-person audience or through broadcast technology.*
- Go to vendor lunches on green products, USGBC meetings, or other live presentations on green building topics for 5 CE hours.

### **Self-Study Programs: 5 CE hours max, may be LEED specific if ERB approved**

- *Structured or not structured at least 60 minutes in length. Can be audio, audio-visual, written, online, or written or online examination.*
- Subscribe to Greensource Magazine (or similar) or read it for free online under continuing education and take the quizzes online for free, 5 articles = 5 CE hours.

### **College and University Courses: Unlimited, may be LEED specific if ERB approved**

- *Earn 1 CE hour per classroom hour*
- Take a class from one of the local colleges or Universities in a topic related to green building. The class must be part of a degree program or the hours go into Continuing Education Courses. You must pass the class to earn the CE hours.

### **Certificates, Professional Licenses and Credentials: Unlimited**

- *GBCI Definition: For successfully passing the examinations for certificates, professional licenses or credentials for a profession or in an industry that is related to green building. See Appendix B for list of possible credentials/licenses.*
- If you are taking your NCIDQ, ARE, PE or similar exam, you can get 1 – 3 CE hours for successful completion.

### **Committee and Volunteer Work: 4 CE hours max, No LEED specific**

- *GBCI Definition: Participation in USGBC or GBCI Board of Directors; steering committees; working groups; credential exam item writing or job task analysis; local USGBC Chapters; or other volunteer organizations that support the LEED system*
- Join a committee and attend meetings – more hours for holding a leadership position

### **Authorship: Unlimited, can be LEED specific if identified during audit (always audited)**

- *3 CE hours published article, 10 CE hours published book*
- Write an article for a local newspaper or trade publication and earn 3 CE hours.

### **LEED Project Participation: 10 CE hours max, all are LEED specific**

- Work on a LEED project – earn 2 extra CE hours for being the LEED Online Project Administrator and earn 1 CE hour for each LEED credit you were responsible for.

## Free CMP Courses

The following is a list of some of the free courses listed on the USGBC Education Page <https://www.usgbc.org/CourseCatalog/CourseCatalog.aspx> This list is not inclusive so feel free to browse the education page for more free opportunities. Additionally, the list is updated all the time, so check back for more opportunities.

- [AEC Daily](#)
  - 52 approved courses
  - Hosts courses typically developed by manufacturers. Easy to use and an excellent source for just about every other continuing education body imaginable (AIA, CSI, IDCEC, etc.). You can filter results by other education bodies [here](#).
- [Energy University by Schneider Electric](#)
  - 22 approved courses
  - The USGBC Course Catalog shows 22 approved courses, though the total offerings on the Schneider site show 25 classes, so I would recommend using the course catalog to make sure the classes you take are approved. Most of these courses deal with HVAC and electrical engineering issues... go figure!
- [McGraw Hill](#) -> "Advanced Options" -> Select McGraw-Hill Construction from the "Providers" list -> Click "Go"
  - 18 approved courses
  - Basically a bunch of articles and online courses that are also available in their Architectural Record and Greensource publications. Many of the courses also earn AIA credits.
- [Environmental Design + Construction](#) -> "Advanced Options" -> Select Environmental Design and Construction from the "Providers" list -> Click "Go"
  - 3 approved courses
  - Very similar to McGraw Hill format and also offering AIA credits.
- Many vendors and chapters also have free webinars and instructor led workshops – be sure to keep checking the course catalog.