

Green Professional Building Skills Training

What is GPRO? GPRO is a comprehensive green building training and certificate program. Developed by the trades for the trades, GPRO teaches the people who build, renovate, and maintain buildings the principles of sustainability combined with trade-specific green construction knowledge.

Why GPRO?

Qualify for LEED credit. Trained contractors, trades, building operators and service workers can qualify for a LEED point for New Construction and Existing Buildings projects under LEED Pilot Credit 81.

Industry Buy-In. Urban Green has leveraged relationships with major industry stakeholders to promote demand for workers with GPRO certificates. Among some of the companies that have trained their staff with GPRO are: Skanska, Lendlease, Vornado, Turner, Related, Cushman & Wakefield, Boston Properties, and a few of the largest trade unions in North America.

Jobs and Economy. Green building momentum is consistently increasing. It's where the jobs are now, in both existing and new construction, and where jobs continue to grow.

Comprehensive Certificate Program. This learning system puts all the information about green building in one place. The material is relevant to what workers need to know in the field – it's not about learning a checklist. The GPRO exam provides third-party verification that students have completed and understood the material.

Building and Construction Trades Are Leading the Way to Sustainability. Transitioning the building and construction industries to a sustainable future will reduce the carbon pollution of the U.S. while supporting economic recovery and creating many green jobs that cannot be outsourced.

Long-term Benefits. Better building construction and operations typically result in energy savings and improved building performance that translates into long-term benefits for ownership and occupants.

Flexibility in Course Delivery. Your delivery preferences can be accommodated and there is a flexible process in place for training instructors.

Customized Content. Instructors focus on issues that are significant for your trade.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE ESSENTIALS

Did you know that efficiently operated and well-maintained buildings can reduce operating costs by 20 to 50 percent while improving occupancy rates and tenant satisfaction?

GPRO Operations & Maintenance Essentials (O&M) provides building professionals with the critical tools to make those savings a reality. Participants learn how to use building metrics to improve performance and the strategies needed to improve the building envelope, among other key tools for operational efficiency.

This module is ideal for property managers and building staff in multi-family residential & high-rise commercial buildings, including: building superintendents, operators, facility and property managers, operating engineers and stationary engineers.

This 14-hour certificate course can be scheduled to meet the needs of your organization and includes the GPRO exam session.

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN

- Improving the building envelope for a healthier building
- Reducing water use
- Employing strategies for more efficient and cost-effective heating and cooling systems
- Managing lighting to minimize energy use while maintaining lighting quality
- Maintaining indoor air quality for tenant comfort
- Reducing waste
- (If in NYC) Understanding new NYC energy auditing and retro-commissioning requirements

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

GPRO Operations & Maintenance Essentials qualifies for 12 AIA and GBCI CE Credits. See www.gpro.org/faqs for details.

WHAT STUDENTS SAY

"It was a great course. Informative and enlightening. It is a great feeling to be aware that even small changes in our everyday work as building operators and as citizens can improve our lives, our tenants' lives and help protect our environment."

— Pellumb Grishaj,
Algin Management

"This training has been one of THE MOST important and informative trainings of my life...I look at life through very different eyes now; not only in the workplace, but at home as well. Thank you for changing my life."

— Carmen Quarles,
Parks Academy, Queens

IN 2017, NEARLY

90%

OF STUDENTS SAID THAT THEY WOULD **RECOMMEND** GPRO O&M TO A CO-WORKER OR FRIEND