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# FACT SHEET

## USGBC's Education Programs Respond to LEED® v3

USGBC's education programs are proactively changing in response to transformations to the LEED® Rating Systems, LEED Online and LEED certification that comprise the new LEED v3 – as well as to changes in the Green Building Certification Institute's (GBCI) LEED credentialing program. Whether you need to understand green building basics only, implement advanced LEED strategies, or secure one of GBCI's new LEED credentials, USGBC's programs will continue to offer you the knowledge you need to maintain an edge in your field.

Our education programs address the diverse needs of our various audiences by offering:

- **Clearer Learning Paths**  
An intentional shift from singular workshops to a holistic, integrated family of educational offerings will offer you a structured pathway for pursuit of the knowledge you need. Clearly defined learning objectives and prerequisites will enable you to maximize your learning experience. Programs offered at a variety of learning levels – from awareness to mastery – will help you meet your current needs and carry you to higher levels as your career and personal goals demand.
- **Preparation for GBCI Exam and LEED Credential Support**  
If you're looking to secure one of GBCI's new LEED credentials – Tier I or any Tier II specialization – USGBC's education programs support the knowledge you need. For the first time ever, USGBC will offer resources including an online exam strategies course, study guides, practice exams and continuing education for credential maintenance.
- **Beyond the Exam: Practical Information for Real-Life Implementation**  
USGBC's education programs will help you more effectively implement LEED in your everyday work, coaching you via real-life examples to apply the LEED rating system to your projects. Upper-level courses include online access to the LEED Reference guides and will be restructured from the current credit-by-credit technical review approach to provide relevant information and examples aligned with the design and construction process for new buildings, and the assessment process for existing buildings.
- **Expanded Formats**  
Already, USGBC offers its education programs in a variety of formats, but leading into 2009 and beyond, expect an expansion of these offerings. To address the varying learning preferences of our diverse audiences, an expanded catalog of education programs will be offered in the following formats – all delivered via [www.greenbuild365.org](http://www.greenbuild365.org), USGBC's online portal for green building education:
  - ✓ Instructor-led workshops (public and, for members, private in-house)
  - ✓ Online anytime courses
  - ✓ Webinars (available live and on-demand)
  - ✓ LEED exam prep materials
  - ✓ LEED project strategies and case studies
  - ✓ Videos, podcasts and articles (available online)
- **Diversified Offerings**  
You'll find ever-increasing options for your green building education needs beyond LEED through our third-party reviewed Education Provider Program. Education Provider courses, developed and delivered by USGBC chapters and member, undergo a rigorous peer review to ensure that they adhere to the stringent content quality, innovation and instructional design criteria of all USGBC education programs.

## Navigating the Learning Levels

Clearly-defined levels will help you identify the education programs you should pursue from both USGBC and USGBC-approved Education Providers. Before taking a course at any given level, it is highly recommended that you take coursework at the previous level or already hold knowledge at that level. Learning levels are:

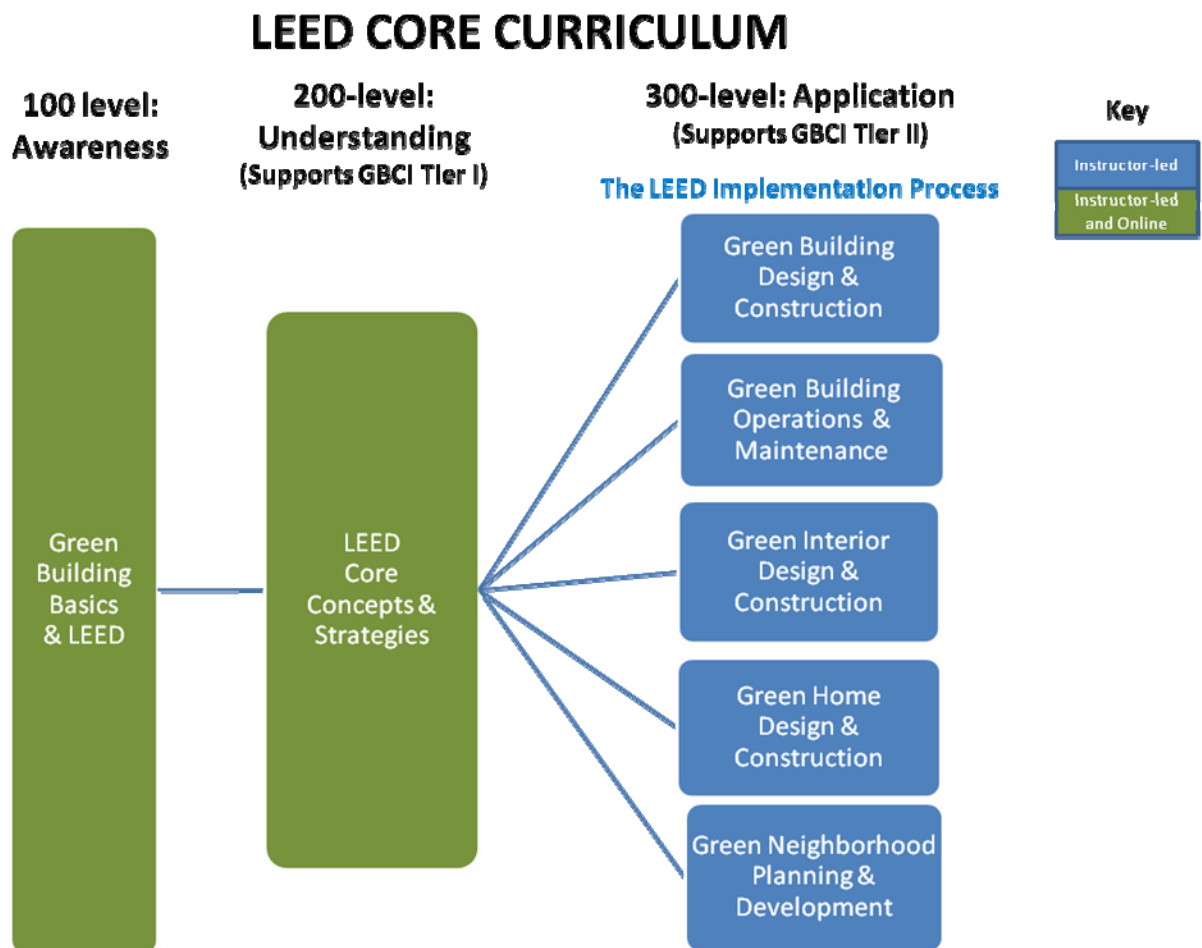
**100-level: Awareness.** These courses are designed for individuals who have limited or no prior knowledge of green building principles. They are intended to introduce you to issues and provide general information, including terminology, general principles and theories.

**200-level: Understanding.** Courses at this level are designed for those familiar with the LEED Rating System and green building principles. They delve deeper into specific issues and focus on helping you grasp the meaning of the subject matter.

**300-level: Application.** These courses are designed for individuals who are implementing and applying the LEED Rating System. They challenge you to use previously-learned information in concrete situations to solve problems. For instructor-led workshops, pre-session work may be provided to students to prepare them for the class.

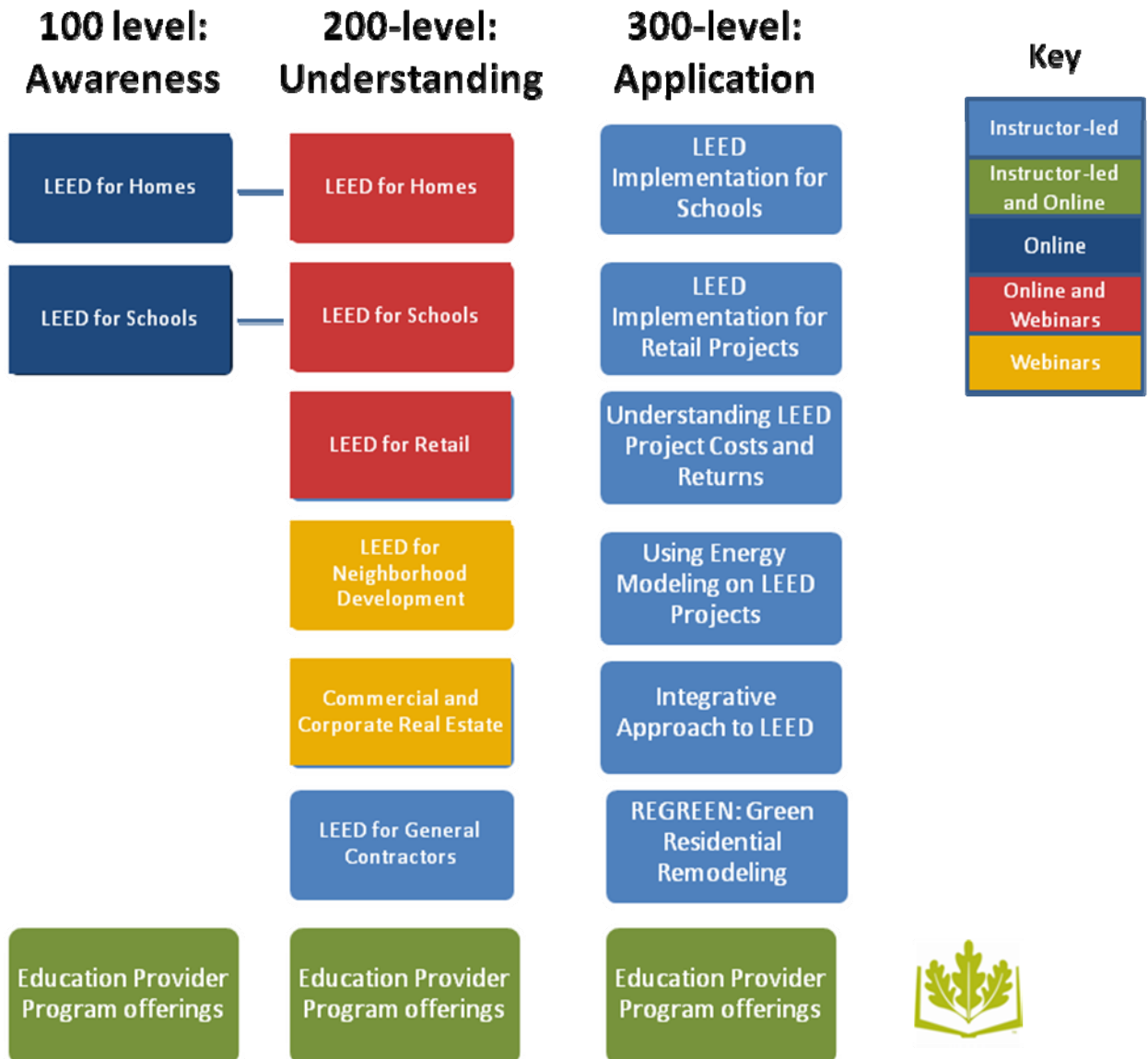
## LEED Core Curriculum

USGBC's LEED core curriculum was designed to support the learning needs of those involved in the various roles of LEED project decision making and implementation, as well as to support the key knowledge areas established by GBCI for its LEED credentials. Complete curriculum descriptions are available at [www.greenbuild365.org](http://www.greenbuild365.org).



## Additional LEED & Green Building Programs

USGBC's education and Education Provider Program offerings comprise the Greenbuild365 online catalog, which fosters knowledge on topics ranging from specialized building applications to technical processes to best practices and more. This catalog continues to grow, serving as a key resource for green building education required by GBCI for LEED credential maintenance, as well as other professional development sustainable design requirements. Complete program descriptions are available at [www.greenbuild365.org](http://www.greenbuild365.org).



## About the U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is the nation's foremost coalition of leaders from every sector of the building industry working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).