Benefits of LEED® Certification

LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a green-rating point system, or a scorecard to certify sustainability designed and constructed buildings.

Professionals can obtain LEEC accreditation if they are interested in working on LEED projects or have a general interest in Green Building Methods.

1. The accreditation helps professionals learn green building methods, techniques, and practices.
2. The LEED credential letters are a visible indicator to other professionals or employers indicating a person is environmentally conscious and knowledgeable.
3. If an accredited professional works on a LEED project, it provides additional points toward the project’s certification level.
4. LEED certification is legitimate and recognized universally by professionals.

Two levels of accreditation, both requiring training and exams:

- Green Associate (GA)
- Advanced Professional (AP)

Advanced levels that require a project experience, a letter of recommendation, and selection of a specialization category. Advanced categories include:

- Building Design and Construction (BD+C)
- Operations and Maintenance (O+M)
- Interior Design and Construction (ID+C)
- Neighborhood Development (ND), and Homes.

(Neighborhood Development is the category most closely associated with planning practice.)

Learn more at: http://www.usgbc.org/leed