

# Training course on Green Building Certification Systems (Advanced LEED, BREEAM, WELL)

## Professional Development Training Course Outline

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| Category | Real Estate Institute | Duration      | 5 Days                  |
| Base Fee | \$1,500 USD           | Delivery Mode | Online / On-site Hybrid |

### Course Introduction

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## Programme Curriculum

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#### Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Analyze core principles and strategic responsibilities of advanced LEED, BREEAM, and WELL certification systems** in the context of global and Kenyan real estate.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques for interpreting and applying complex credit requirements** across diverse certification categories.
3. **Develop robust strategies for optimizing building design and operational performance** to achieve Platinum/Outstanding/WELL Certified levels.
4. **Implement effective documentation and verification processes** essential for successful advanced certification submission.
5. **Manage complex project workflows** to ensure seamless integration of certification requirements from conception to operation.
6. **Apply robust strategies for integrating health and well-being (WELL) with environmental sustainability (LEED/BREEAM)** in holistic green building projects.
7. **Understand the deep integration of financial analysis** with advanced certification, including cost-benefit analysis and ROI for high-performance features.
8. **Leverage knowledge of innovation credits and regional priorities** to maximize certification points.
9. **Optimize strategies for existing building certifications (O+M, In-Use)** to enhance long-term sustainability performance.
10. **Formulate specialized certification strategies for different real estate typologies** (e.g., commercial, residential, healthcare, retail).
11. **Conduct comprehensive due diligence** for projects targeting advanced certifications, identifying specific risks and opportunities.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **complex technical compliance, stakeholder misalignment, and evolving certification requirements**.
13. **Develop a holistic, practical, and technically proficient approach to advanced green building certification, with a focus on maximizing value and impact in Kenya and globally.**

#### **Target Audience:**

This course is designed for professionals aiming for advanced Green Building Certification expertise:

1. **Green Building Consultants & Assessors:** Deepening expertise for high-level project guidance.
2. **Architects & Engineers:** Integrating advanced sustainable design principles into projects.
3. **Real Estate Developers & Project Managers:** Leading and overseeing high-performance green building initiatives.
4. **Investors & Asset Managers:** Evaluating, acquiring, and managing certified green assets.
5. **Facility & Property Managers:** Optimizing operations for ongoing green building performance and re-certification.
6. **Sustainability Managers (Corporate/Institutional):** Driving corporate green building strategies.
7. **Construction Professionals:** Implementing best practices for green construction and materials.
8. **Policy Makers & Urban Planners:** Understanding advanced standards for future regulatory development.

#### **Course Duration: 5 Days**

#### **Course Modules:**

- **Module 1: Advanced Principles of Green Building Certifications & Strategic Selection**
  - **Recap of Foundational Concepts:** Brief overview of green building principles, the role of certifications.

- **Deep Dive into LEED, BREEAM, and WELL:** Detailed comparison of methodologies (point-based vs. weighted, performance-based vs. prescriptive), core categories, and global relevance.
  - **Strategic Certification Selection:** Factors influencing choice (project type, geography, client goals, market demand in Kenya, ESG alignment).
  - **Case Study:** Analyzing a complex real estate project in an emerging market that successfully pursued multiple advanced green building certifications, highlighting the rationale and benefits.
- **Module 2: Advanced LEED: Building Design & Construction (BD+C) & Operations + Maintenance (O+M)**
  - **Sustainable Sites (SS):** Advanced strategies for site management, non-potable water use, heat island reduction, and light pollution reduction.
  - **Water Efficiency (WE):** Optimizing indoor/outdoor water use beyond baselines, process water efficiency, and advanced metering.
  - **Energy & Atmosphere (EA):** Deep dive into optimized energy performance (ASHRAE 90.1, advanced modeling), renewable energy integration (on-site and off-site), enhanced commissioning, and refrigerant management. Focus on nuances for hot climates like Kenya.
  - **Materials & Resources (MR):** Advanced strategies for material ingredient reporting (HPDs, C2C), environmental product declarations (EPDs), responsible sourcing, and construction and demolition waste management.
  - **Case Study:** Detailed analysis of a LEED Platinum certified project, focusing on how specific advanced credits were achieved and documented.
- **Module 3: Advanced BREEAM: Comprehensive Assessment & Life Cycle Focus**
  - **Management (Man):** Advanced commissioning, performance monitoring, and stakeholder engagement throughout the project lifecycle.
  - **Health and Well-being (Hea):** Deeper look into indoor air quality, thermal comfort, visual comfort (daylight/glare), acoustic performance, and healthy materials, with a comparative lens to WELL.
  - **Energy (Ene):** Achieving low/zero carbon emissions, advanced energy modeling, smart energy management systems, and passive design optimization for varying climates.
  - **Case Study:** In-depth review of a BREEAM Outstanding project, focusing on the rigorous assessment process and the strategies employed to excel across multiple categories.
- **Module 4: Advanced WELL Building Standard: Human-Centric Performance**
  - **Air:** Advanced air filtration, volatile organic compound (VOC) reduction strategies, air quality monitoring, and managing construction pollution.
  - **Water:** Advanced water quality testing, filtration, and contamination prevention protocols.
  - **Nourishment:** Promoting healthy food choices, food transparency, and supporting food production.
  - **Light:** Circadian lighting design, glare control, and advanced lighting comfort systems.
  - **Case Study:** Analyzing a WELL Platinum certified office space or residential development, detailing the specific features and policies implemented to enhance occupant health and well-being.
- **Module 5: Performance Verification, Documentation & Project Management for Advanced Certifications**
  - **Rigorous Documentation Requirements:** Understanding the specific evidence needed for each advanced credit in LEED, BREEAM, and WELL.
  - **Performance Measurement & Monitoring:** Strategies for ongoing data collection (energy, water, IEQ) and reporting.
  - **Commissioning & Testing:** Enhanced commissioning processes, performance testing, and post-occupancy evaluations.

- **Roles and Responsibilities:** Defining roles within the project team (e.g., LEED AP, BREEAM Assessor, WELL AP) and managing consultants.
- **Case Study:** Practical workshop on preparing advanced level documentation for a chosen project scenario, including identifying critical path items and potential pitfalls.
- **Module 6: Financial & Business Case for Advanced Green Building Certifications**
  - **Quantifying the Value Proposition:** Enhanced asset value, higher rents, lower operating costs, increased occupant productivity/well-being, and reduced risk.
  - **Cost-Benefit Analysis:** Detailed financial modeling of advanced green building features, including payback periods and ROI calculations specific to the Kenyan market.
  - **Accessing Green Finance:** Exploring green loans, bonds, and investment funds that prioritize certified green buildings in Kenya.
  - **Market Differentiation & Branding:** Leveraging advanced certifications for marketing and competitive advantage.
  - **Case Study:** Presenting a compelling business case for investing in a LEED Platinum/BREEAM Outstanding/WELL Certified project, tailored for different investor types (e.g., institutional, private equity).
- **Module 7: Synergies, Challenges, and Future Trends in Green Building Certifications**
  - **Integrated Design Process:** Fostering collaboration among all project stakeholders from the outset.
  - **Overcoming Implementation Challenges:** Addressing lack of awareness, supply chain limitations (relevant to Kenya for some green materials), initial cost perceptions, and regulatory hurdles.
  - **Retrofitting Existing Buildings:** Strategies for achieving advanced certifications for existing stock through deep retrofits and operational improvements.
  - **The Future of Green Building:** The role of AI, IoT, and digital twins in optimizing building performance and certification.
  - **Case Study:** Discussion on the long-term impact of advanced certifications on urban development in Kenya, drawing lessons from local pioneering projects.
- **Module 8: Capstone Project & Strategic Implementation Workshop**
  - **Project Selection:** Participants choose a real or hypothetical real estate project in Kenya.
  - **Advanced Certification Strategy Development:** Participants develop a detailed plan for achieving an advanced level of LEED, BREEAM, or WELL (or a combination) for their chosen project.
  - **Action Planning:** Translating learned concepts into immediate, actionable steps for their professional roles.
  - **Final Discussion:** Open forum on leading the sustainable transformation of the built environment.

## Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.

- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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## Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

| Start Date  | End Date    | Location | Price   |
|-------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| 07 Sep 2026 | 11 Sep 2026 | Online   | \$1,100 |
| 14 Sep 2026 | 18 Sep 2026 | Online   | \$1,100 |
| 21 Sep 2026 | 25 Sep 2026 | Online   | \$1,100 |
| 28 Sep 2026 | 02 Oct 2026 | Online   | \$1,100 |
| 05 Oct 2026 | 09 Oct 2026 | Online   | \$1,100 |
| 12 Oct 2026 | 16 Oct 2026 | Online   | \$1,100 |
| 19 Oct 2026 | 23 Oct 2026 | Online   | \$1,100 |
| 26 Oct 2026 | 30 Oct 2026 | Online   | \$1,100 |

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