

GREEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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GPPO - COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT

STUDENTS + SUSTAINABILITY + SERVICE





The San Diego Green Building Council is a 501(c)(3) environmental nonprofit dedicated to providing education, outreach, and advocacy surrounding green building in the San Diego community.

Vision: Our buildings and communities will regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life within a generation.

Mission: Inspire, educate, and collaborate within our community to transform our built environment toward true sustainability.

What is the Green Assistance Program?

The SDGBC's Green Assistance Program (GAP) aims to both increase community involvement in green building design and develop an individual's skills in sustainable projects, while promoting ecological and sustainable design and awareness.

While organized and developed through SDGBC, GAP's successes equate directly to the great base of volunteers and the knowledge, enthusiasm, and dedication they bring to each project.



GPRO TRAINING + EXAM

GPRO is a certificate program that teaches people who build, renovate, and maintain buildings the tools to integrate high performance construction and maintenance practices into their everyday work.

GPRO is split into two training sections: Fundamentals and O+M.

Fundamentals: Covers the principles of sustainability and trade-specific green construction knowledge. We don't expect you to be an expert on every green building topic – we include resources to help you!

O+M (Operations & Maintenance): To create a more specific definition of the practices and technologies that make buildings green.



After completing both the Fundamentals and O+M training, participants will take a 50 question multiple choice exam to earn their GPRO professional credential.



Learn more at gpro.org



Participants will learn how to utilize backpack toolkits with instruments like humidity and CO2 meters to create metrics that act as a baseline for audit results.

Participants will be matched with small businesses who have joined a local or regional Green Business Network.

Small teams will conduct a site visit* and provide a basic walkthrough & assessment using the curriculum learned in GPRO courses.

Participants will be assessing energy use, water use, and waste production based on the company's environmental and economic goals.

This is a great learning opportunity and way to gain hands-on experience with what building auditors and environmental professionals are looking at when discussing a "green building".

SDGBC Staff will join you during these audits to ensure the best possible learning experience and outcomes. Don't worry - we're here to help!

*Pending current COVID-19 guidelines.

HANDS-ON SITE TRAINING

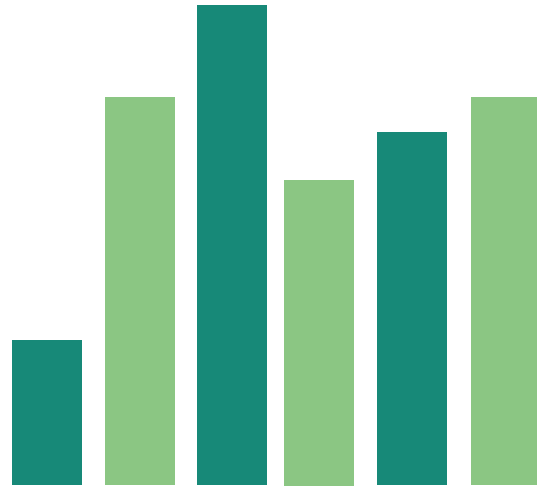


RESULTS & EXPERIENCE

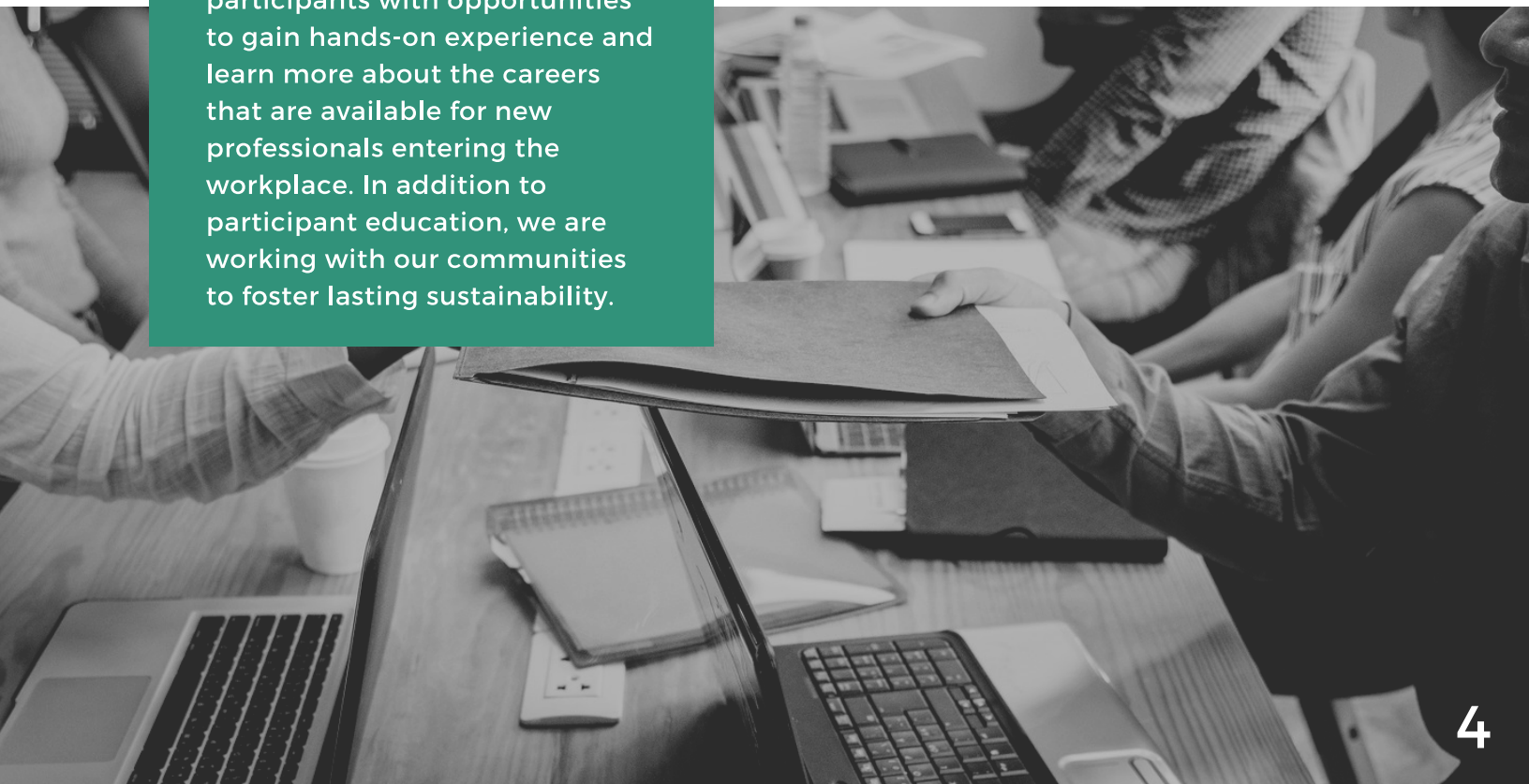
Based on the findings of the walkthrough and the businesses' goals, participants will create a report for owners. These reports will offer insight and solutions for operating under the best environmental practices as well as connecting owners to the applicable utility rebates and incentives.

After the assessment and suggested solutions are provided, GAP participants will do a follow-up walkthrough to collect current data and assess the new metrics and savings.

This program aims to connect participants with opportunities to gain hands-on experience and learn more about the careers that are available for new professionals entering the workplace. In addition to participant education, we are working with our communities to foster lasting sustainability.



Having a GPRO credential is a great way to boost your resume and let employers know you are serious about pursuing sustainability.



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