

Sustainable Production for Entertainment Certification (SPEC) FAQs

A. Why should I take this Course and Exam?

- a. The primary goal of the SPEC is to support the entertainment industry workforce and implementation of sustainability in the workplace at all scales. This requires a foundational knowledge of key concepts and real-world problem solving skills to be proactive, implement practice, and take action.

B. How do I earn a SPEC certificate??

- a. [Register for a class on our website](#) and participate in the 5 hr training.
- b. Take your exam and with a passing score of 80% or above, you will receive your certificate.

C. How much does it cost to earn the SPEC?

- a. Individual cost to participate in the 5 hr training and associated exam is \$350 USD.
- b. Companies can sponsor their staff to receive training. Sponsorship information is available [on our website](#).

D. Are there any special rates for students or groups?

- a. Yes. Please contact us at Training@usgbc-ca.org to inquire further.

E. How long is the class?

- a. This is a 5 hours virtual course. Bathroom and snack breaks are built into the lesson plan approximately every hour.

F. Is this class virtual?

- a. Yes, this class will be taught live through Zoom and can be registered through our website.

G. Are there any in-person learning opportunities?

- a. Yes, in person learning opportunities can be arranged. Please contact us at Training@usgbc-ca.org to inquire further.

H. Is this training available all year round?

- a. Yes, we will offer this course regularly throughout the year. Please visit the website for upcoming training courses.

I. Can a person or organization outside of the US get certified?

- a. Yes, anyone can take the course and earn a certificate. You may use the concepts presented in the course and apply them to your local context.

J. What are the benefits of earning the SPEC certificate?

- a. Earning the SPEC certificate allows individuals to signify their knowledge of the foundational sustainability concepts, planning strategies, environmental impacts and actions to reduce impacts. Individuals who earn a SPEC certificate will have the ability to problem solve and implement best practices, know where to find tools for tracking and

reporting waste diversion and carbon emissions, and have access to planning resources received in the course.

- b. Knowledge may be signified by placing the “SPEC” letters after one's name (e.g., Jane Doe, SPEC)

K. How do you use your SPEC Certificate?

- a. Apply your knowledge of sustainable, cost-effective strategies to improve efficiency within your organization.
- b. Signify your knowledge by placing the “SPEC” letters after your name.
- c. Sustainability knowledge will be a standard across all industries. SPEC opens up possibilities for new job opportunities.
- d. SPEC will provide the language for dialogue for improved communication between departments and peers.
- e. Professional associations deepen your impact, understanding, and leadership in the industry.

L. How long is the certification good for?

- a. Your certification is good for two years. In that time we recommend you take courses/workshops/attend events that qualify for continuing education units. This way you stay up to date with knowledge in sustainability in your field.

M. What are CEU Credits?

- a. A continuing education unit or continuing education credit is a measure used in continuing education programs to assist the professional to maintain their license in their profession.
- b. More information will be forthcoming on what types of courses/workshops/events in entertainment will qualify as continuing education credit.

N. Will I have to take an Exam?

- a. Yes, it will be 25 questions, multiple choice and open book. We encourage you to take notes during the workshop for a smoother test taking experience. If you pass your exam with a score of 80% or above, you will receive your certificate by email as your official certification.

O. How soon after taking the course will my certificate be awarded?

- a. You will have two weeks to complete the exam and if you pass with a score of 80% or above you will receive a certificate within two weeks of the exam window closing.

P. Will there be an opportunity to meet others who have completed this course?

- a. Yes, we encourage you to connect with the other participants in your training to further your network and encourage more people to take this training.

Q. Is the SPEC third party certified?

- a. At the moment, no.

R. Is this relevant for people who work in Theater or other entertainment segments?

- a. Yes, concepts in this certification may be applied to other entertainment segments.

S. How does my organization support SPEC?

- a. We welcome any organization who is interested in supporting our education mission to sponsor this training - this may be those directly involved in entertainment or those who touch the value chain in various ways.

- b. Please contact us at Training@usgbc-ca.org

T. Are there opportunities for guest lecturers?

- a. Not at this time. If you have a speaker recommendation, please let us know and we'll consider how to incorporate in the future.