



## Green Certification Programs – At a Glance

### If you are looking for a green career path...

There are a growing number of green training and certification programs currently available, especially in such areas as home energy efficiency analysis, weatherization, and hazard, poison and toxic control. The following certification programs are highly recommended for those looking to employ a broader set of construction skills adaptable to the green environment.

Where Should You Look?	What Are the Opportunities?	What Does It Take?
<p><b>Building Performance Institute Inc. (BPI)</b> is a nationally recognized certification program. It sets the standards for assessing and improving energy performance, as well as home health and safety. BPI certified contractors are fully capable of taking a whole-house approach when testing buildings and identifying energy efficiency improvements.</p>	<p>Individuals who successfully complete the BPI certification online exam and field test have demonstrated that they know how to properly diagnose energy problems and take appropriate repair actions. There are four BPI training and certification areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Analyst</li> <li>• Air Conditioning/Heating</li> <li>• Envelope</li> <li>• Multifamily</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No formal experience is necessary to participate in most BPI certification exams and field tests</li> <li>• It is strongly recommended that certification candidates seek training from a BPI Affiliate and gain some experience in the building performance industry before attempting to get BPI certified</li> </ul>
<p><b>North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP)</b> is a volunteer board of renewable energy professionals and solar industry stakeholders who are committed to developing and implementing quality certification programs for building contractors and construction workers.</p>	<p>The NABCEP Entry Level Certificate of Knowledge program is designed for individuals who are interested in the solar field and want to demonstrate that they have an understanding of the key photovoltaic (solar electric) system terms and operational concepts. The certificate by itself does not qualify you to install photovoltaic systems, but it does prepare you for future NABCEP certifications and employment in the field.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals must be at least 18 years old</li> <li>• Certification candidates must complete an NABCEP-approved training course before taking the Entry Level Certificate of Knowledge exam</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET)</b> is a not-for-profit membership corporation that sets national industry standards for building energy efficiency rating systems. RESNET standards include certification for a Rating Field Inspector position.</p>	<p>An accredited Rating Field Inspector has the ability to evaluate homes for flaws that cause high utility bills, moisture problems, and indoor air quality issues using diagnostic software.</p> <p>Individuals interested in becoming a certified Rating Field Inspector must complete training and pass a National Rater Test administered by a RESNET accredited Rater Training Provider.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No formal job experience is necessary to be certified as a RESNET Rating Field Inspector</li> <li>• Certification candidates must be able to demonstrate they have the necessary skills and knowledge</li> <li>• Although training isn't required, it is strongly recommended</li> </ul>
<p><b>The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER)</b> is a not-for-profit education foundation created to develop industry-driven standardized craft training programs with portable credentials and help address the critical workforce shortage facing the construction industry.</p>	<p>The "Your Role in the Green Environment" module provides fundamental instruction in the green environment, green construction practices, and green building rating systems.</p> <p>Students who successfully complete this module through an Accredited Training Sponsor will earn a wallet card, as well as a NCCER industry-recognized credential.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No formal job experience is necessary to participate in the course</li> <li>• Candidate must complete a 15-hour course, as well as successfully pass the written and performance test.</li> </ul>



### Link and Learn

#### RESNET

View the National Registry of Accredited Energy Rater Training Providers:  
[www.resnet.us/programs/training/directory.aspx](http://www.resnet.us/programs/training/directory.aspx)

#### NABCEP

Download a pdf of the NABCEP approved providers:  
[www.nabcep.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/01/Approved-Providers061220092.pdf](http://www.nabcep.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/01/Approved-Providers061220092.pdf)

To read the requirements and education specifics for NABCEP certification:  
[www.nabcep.org/certification/pv-installer-certification/pv-requirementseducation](http://www.nabcep.org/certification/pv-installer-certification/pv-requirementseducation)

Lists of NABCEP training resources and links:  
[www.nabcep.org/resources/training](http://www.nabcep.org/resources/training)

#### BPI

Get an overview of the Building Performance Institute Inc.:  
[www.bpi.org/content/contractors/certification.html](http://www.bpi.org/content/contractors/certification.html)

#### NCCER

The National Center for Construction Education and Research discusses your role in the green environment:  
[www.nccer.org/green.aspx](http://www.nccer.org/green.aspx)