

A Program Designed Specifically to Help You Achieve GS-42, CIMS Certification and LEED Points

The Building Wellness Certification Training program was established in 2005 to provide building service contractors (BSCs) and in-house facility/environmental services staff the training they need to meet the requirements of the Green Seal® GS-42 certification program and the Cleaning Industry Management Standard (CIMS). Cleaning personnel and BSCs that are GS-42 certified provide building owners and property managers the ability to differentiate their facilities with the Green Seal® logo and help them achieve points toward LEED certification.

As the first company in the nation to have its training program accredited by the GS-42 Training Accreditation Program (GS-42 TAP), the Building Wellness Institute is the established leader in green cleaning training and education. Completion of the program provides the tools you need to become GS-42 certified, a differentiator that will enable you to demonstrate your commitment to the health and wellness of the people who occupy your buildings.

Building Wellness Certification Training Program Description

Recognizing the increasing presence of Green Seal® and CIMS clauses in building contracts, the Building Wellness Institute offers a flexible schedule that enables groups to complete the 24 hours of training, delivered in six four-hour modules, in as little as one month. Groups may also opt for a three-month or a six-month program. Using a “train the trainer” approach, the program fulfills the training requirement for GS-42 certification and empowers managers, supervisors and owners of cleaning service provider companies to train the rest of their staff on state-of-the-art green cleaning techniques and equipment. The program is divided into the following components:

Module 1: The new janitorial world

Your staff may not realize it, but they have the potential to contribute to the overall health of the public. Module 1 introduces you to the health advantages of green cleaning, current standards, and how green cleaning can help benefit your company. Most importantly, this module explains how your contribution to better public health and wellness serves to elevate the job of cleaning to a higher level of professionalism and respect.

Module 2: Developing compliant procedure manuals

Green Seal® and CIMS certification require a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), and Green Seal® requires a site-specific manual for each site you clean. Module 2 takes you through the steps toward developing a successful procedure manual, and what requirements need to be met so that by the end of the program you have a strong idea of what your procedure manual needs to include.

Module 3: Implementing a green cleaning program

Executing a green cleaning program requires a combination of team building, expert training and organization. Module 3 provides the green cleaning game plan, including



“Our managers not only learned what to do, but also why green cleaning is important. Now we include a section on green cleaning in all our proposals, which has helped us win several contracts.”

Leroy Dock
President, GSI, Inc.

techniques to get everybody on board and instruction for organizing all supplies and products. The second part of Module 3 offers instruction on recycling procedures and the benefits of choosing green paper.

Module 4: Choosing green equipment and products

GS-42 certification requires equipment and product standards that promote a healthy environment. Module 4 explains the lifecycle of cleaning equipment, such as vacuum cleaners, power scrubbers, micro-fiber products, etc. and their impact on the environment. Module 4 also includes a demonstration lab in which attendees can try out industry-standard green cleaning equipment.

Module 5: Executing green, healthy cleaning procedures

Your environment, whether an entire campus or a specific building, is unique. Module 5 breaks down the hands-on procedures for using green cleaning products in your environment. Uniquely tailored to your training group, Module 5 uses your building(s) as a case study and provides a step-by-step walk-through of the procedures you'll need to go green. Module 5 also takes a strategic view of working with vulnerable populations (e.g., people with allergies, asthma and related health conditions) and how to identify these people without infringing on their privacy.

Module 6: Achieving effective stewardship and communication

No green cleaning program can achieve optimal results without effective stewardship and strategies for communicating differentiation. Based on the ASTM standards for stewardship, Module 6 covers the steps to maintaining a green cleaning program through inspections, surveys and other techniques that ensure continuity and compliance, not just for the GS-42 standard, but also for the CIMS standard should people choose to go that route. Module 6 also provides instruction on building a successful communication program as required under both Green Seal® and LEED standards, which includes effective supervisory skills and ways to promote program benefits to a wide range of target audiences.

The Building Wellness Institute Difference—Safer, Healthier and More Productive Facilities

The Building Wellness Institute helps facility managers, building owners, building service contractors (BSCs), and environmental services staff protect the health and comfort of their building occupants through comprehensive training, consulting and assessment programs. Our training programs and services, delivered by seasoned professionals with cross-discipline expertise in occupational and environmental medicine, public health, industrial hygiene, toxicology, and chemical engineering, are designed to facilitate GS-42 certification, gain points toward LEED certification, and support a wide range of environmental wellness goals. For commercial buildings, long-term care facilities, and educational institutions, the Building Wellness Institute enables you to make a vital contribution to public health and the environment that delivers unparalleled gains—in reputation, revenue and regulatory compliance.

Training delivered in six four-hour modules that can be tailored to meet your unique scheduling requirements.

For information on scheduling and pricing, please contact the Building Wellness Institute at 301-728-3908 or email info@buildingwellness.com.