



GACE Level I Recognition of Training

Curriculum Plan for Georgia Association of Code Enforcement

PURPOSE

The Georgia Association of Code Enforcement (GACE) is a professional organization dedicated to establishing responsible Code Enforcement Officials throughout Georgia and to the professional development of its members.

The purpose of the GACE Level 1 Recognition of Training Program is to provide a seal of certification that recognizes training equivalencies in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia.

OCGA 16-5-19(1) *“Code enforcement official” means any person with a high school diploma or equivalent who has completed Level 1 code enforcement training under a professional program and is employed by or under contract with a municipality, city, county, or consolidated government who performs safety inspections of buildings, structures, businesses, or real property to ensure they are operated in accordance with the law.*

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION STANDARDS and REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

GACE recognizes that code enforcement officials are tasked with multiple responsibilities that promote maintaining healthy communities. Active members of the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement may receive the GACE LEVEL I Seal upon submitting transcripts and/or certifications related to the field of code enforcement. GACE will recognize active members who submit 21 hrs of training records. Members are required to maintain 15 continuing education hours per year.

Active members may submit their application online at www.gaceonline.com Upon validation of

submitted educational records by the GACE Curriculum Committee; the President will issue a letter of completion and a certificate of certification embossed with the Official GACE Level I Seal.

Official records will be maintained by the Membership and GACE Curriculum Committees. Members who receive their GACE LEVEL I status must maintain 15 hours of continuing education per year of continuing education units (approved by GACE).

APPLICATION & VERIFICATION

Steps to receive Certification or Renewal Status:

1. Active members must submit an application for GACE Level 1 Recognition of Training and Continuing Education Hours. The application can be found @ www.gaceonline.com
 - a. Must be an active, paid member of GACE (Dues are valid starting January 1 and ending December 31 of each year)
 - b. Must have completed 21 hours of GACE approved curriculum for the initial Level I Certification.
 - c. Must maintain 15 hours of GACE-approved curriculum (CEU) per year.
 - i. Must provide proof of attendance/transcripts that training units were obtained during the required 2 year timeframe. Proof of training must be submitted at least two (2) weeks before expiration date.
2. GACE Level 1 Recognition will be presented at graduation during the fall and spring conferences hosted by the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement.

APPROVED/RECOGNIZED TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS STATUS

The following accredited organizational continuing education credits may be accepted by GACE for Level I Status. Course completion documentation is required and will be reviewed by GACE before CEUs are awarded for recognition of Level I Training and continuing status.

1. *International Code Council*
 - a. *Code Enforcement or Zoning Training Modules*
 - b. *Mandated State Codes*
2. *Building Officials Association of Georgia*
3. *Code Enforcement Officer Safety Foundation*
4. *Zoning and Code Enforcement Curriculum provided by ICC Preferred Providers*
5. *Federal and/or State Specialized Training Programs related to code compliance*
6. *Training Curriculum approved by the GACE Board of Directors*

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