# **VRCA**

# GOLD SEAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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#### **WHAT IT IS**

Discover the Gold Seal Certification Program's key learning outcomes, benefits, and course structure.



#### WHY GET CERTIFIED?

Find out if you're eligible and why GSC might be the right choice for your professional development journey.



# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Learn how to apply for the program and how to achieve certification through customized training options.





#### WHAT IS IT?

Gold Seal Certification is a standard of excellence offered by the Canadian Construction Association (CCA). It is a comprehensive certification program that showcases expertise and commitment to the construction industry and ensures that practitioners are ready to meet the demands of construction projects across the country. It is geared towards professionals such as:

- Estimators
- Forepersons
- Owner's Construction Managers
- Project Managers
- Safety Practitioners
- Superintendents

# WHY BECOME CERTIFIED?

The Gold Seal Program is a certification program that recognizes individuals in the construction industry who have demonstrated a high level of expertise and professionalism in their field. Some benefits of the program include:

- Increased credibility and recognition within the industry.
- Opportunities for career development.
- Networking and professional development resources.

Overall, professionals who participate in the Gold Seal Program enhance their skills, knowledge, and reputation in the construction industry. It is a badge of honour that showcases your dedication to continuous improvement and quality workmanship.





## Level up your professional development.

Enroll in the Gold Seal Program, your golden ticket to boosting your skills and advancing your career. Explore how this program is a significant opportunity for ambitious professionals.

#### **Expand your professional circle.**

The Gold Seal Program brings together industry professionals, providing an opportunity for valuable connections within the construction industry. Whether it's partnerships, mentorship, or networking opportunities, the program can help you build the connections you need to achieve your career goals.

#### Take your skills up a notch.

The Gold Seal Program offers specialized training that can give you a competitive edge in the job market.

Keep your skills sharp and your knowledge current through a range of professional development opportunities.

From workshops to seminars, this program offers many resources to fuel your intellectual curiosity and career growth.

#### Are you eligible?

The Gold Seal Program offers many resources to fuel your intellectual curiosity and career growth. Take the CCA self-assessment here.

# BENEFITS OF GOLD SEAL CERTIFICATION

# GSC APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants require 100 credits to be approved to write the Gold Seal exam. Credits are allocated to the following categories:

#### **Experience / Education / Training**

A minimum of 50 credits (five years) up to a maximum of 75 credits (up to eight years) of industry experience.

- At least three of five years of experience must have been in a full-time position in Canada. With this minimum requirement, you may claim additional years of experience outside of Canada.
- Two of the five years of required experience can be claimed from a relevant assistant's position.

#### A minimum of 25 credits, including:

- Formal education: optional
- Mandatory training: five credits
   Construction Industry Ethics: 3 credits
   Designation specific course: 2 credits
- · Safety training: optional
- Additional training: optional

### A letter of reference from your direct supervisor

 You must be directly employed by a general, specialty trade, electrical, mechanical, or civil infrastructure contractor.

Note: You must be currently employed in the chosen designation in Canada to be eligible for enrollment.

## How to begin the Gold Seal Certification process

- 1. Enroll in the Gold Seal Certification Program.
- 2. After being approved as a Gold Seal Intern (GSI), you have up to five years to meet the Gold Seal Certification (GSC) requirements.
- 3. Book an appointment with the VRCA Education team to develop the Gold Seal course schedule.
- 4. Once you have reached 100 credits, complete and submit the GSC application. Once approved, proceed to write the GSC exam.

## **Customized GSC Training Packages**with VRCA

Key Gold Seal accredited courses available:

- Construction Law (5 GS Credits)
- Supervisory & Management Skills (5 GS Credits)
- Project Management (5 GS Credits)
- Construction Industry Ethics (3 GS Credits)
- Construction 101 & Beyond (5 GS Credits)

To explore upcoming courses, <u>visit our</u> <u>Education Calendar</u>, or contact us directly at <u>education@vrca.ca</u>.