

The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA)
School of Architecture – Program in Landscape Architecture

LARE Preparatory Workshops

<p><i>Grading, Drainage, and Stormwater Management (Section E)</i> November 5th and 6th, 2011</p>	<p><i>Planning & Site Design (Section C)</i> November 12th and 13th, 2011</p>
<p>Instructor: John R. Fain, MLA, ASLA (Registration #805) Private Practice Adjunct Professor of Landscape Architecture, UTA 32+ years LA experience</p>	<p>Instructor: Joe Pack, ASLA (Registration #2284) City of North Richland Hills(TX) Parks & Recreation Department Senior Park Planner 32+ years of LA experience</p>
<p>OUR PASSING RATES ARE HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE! FOR STUDENTS THAT RESPONDED: SECTION E PASSING RATE: UTA WORKSHOP 56%- NATIONAL AVG. 36% SECTION C PASSING RATE: UTA WORKSHOP 83%- NATIONAL AVG. 60%</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Contours, land form comprehension ▫ Interpolation ▫ Slope calculation ▫ Water diversion and swales ▫ Terracing ▫ Surface and Subsurface drainage ▫ Grading paved areas, building siting, FFEs ▫ Detailed debrief on each vignette ▫ Roads, walks, parking lots, ramps, steps, walls and other hardscape features. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Problem statement evaluation ▫ LARE Reference Manual (in-depth analysis) ▫ Site inventory and analysis ▫ Conceptual planning and design ▫ Pedestrian and vehicular circulation, including drop-offs and stacking integrated with parking, ▫ Evaluation of design alternatives ▫ Best approaches to solving vignette problems ▫ Integrating natural and built environments.
<p><i>These workshops are designed to provide extensive hands on practice in solving exam vignettes. Each offers detailed debriefs and step-by-step solutions to vignettes similar to those on the LARE Sections C and E. Exam preparation and test-taking strategy are also covered. Student evaluations have been very positive with much improved rates for success.</i></p>	

Tuition: \$325 per workshop; \$600 for both workshops*

Workshop limited to first 12 registrations for maximum one-on-one work with instructor
Breakfast, lunches and binders of instructional materials provided. Students should bring same materials as for exam – pencils, tracing paper, calculator, etc.

Make checks payable to UTA Landscape Architecture, mail to:

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*Tuition must be received within 2 weeks (14 days) of workshop to guarantee registration.

Workshops are conducted 8 am – 6 pm, Room 201 UTA Architecture Building, 601 West Nedderman Drive. Visit the University web site at www.uta.edu for directions and parking information.

For more information, contact instructors, John Fain (817) 683-5043 jfainlan@swbell.net or Joe Pack (214) 244-4283 joepacktx@msn.com

Cancellation Policy: Registrants may receive a full refund if cancellation is requested no later than 5 days prior to the workshop. Any cancellation within 5 days of the workshop is non-refundable.

TESTIMONIALS FROM PAST STUDENTS:

*John/Joe, Just wanted to let you know that after taking both of your workshops last fall, I passed both graphic sections of the LARE in December on my first try! Your workshops were tremendously helpful and I'm sure my results would have been different had I not attended. I owe you both huge thanks!
.....Michael H.*

Hi Joe, I just wanted to drop you an email to give you and your class a big thumbs up! I attended your Section C weekend review course back in November of 2008. I finally got around to taking Section C in December 2009 and just found out that I passed on my first try! Without a doubt I could not have done that without the strategies that you taught us. I was not even close to being ready to take the exam when I took your class, but I had a good feeling that with your teachings and practice vignettes, I could work on it and achieve enough competencies to pass, and it worked out. Thanks so much. I hope you will continue teaching the course for some time. If so, I will recommend it to anyone who needs to prepare for Section C.....Adam W.

Hey John, I passed my grading part thanks to YOU. Thank You ...AJ

Joe, Thanks very much for assisting me with the design portion of the LARE. I passed both the Design and Grading/Drainage portions of the exam. I still can't believe it! My hands were shaking as I was opening the test results. Thanks again.....Jeremy

The workshops were great! The instructors were knowledgeable and the materials were very similar to what you see on the LARE. One of the biggest plusses to the workshops was how they prepare you for the time demands of the exams. You earn strategies for solving exam problems as well as picking up a few shortcut tricks you can use on the exams. I would highly recommend these workshops to anyone who is thinking about taking Sections C or E of the LARE. ...Greg C.

*John, I want to thank you for the great job you do teaching the Grading and Drainage portion of UTA's LARE workshop every year. I took your workshop twice and it was a great help to me. The first time I took the workshop I sat for all 5 of the LARE sections and passed four. I did not pass section E that year because I did not prepare as I should have. I focused so heavily on sections A through D that I did not leave myself enough time to practice the example problems you gave me as a part of the workshop. The next time I sat for section E, I was able to prepare as you suggested and it worked. I found the workshop to be very effective because the class size was kept to a small group which allowed everyone in the group to ask questions and have them answered in such a way that all got the benefit. The two days back-to-back allowed for plenty of time to get a good understanding of the material, and the example problems you provided were very helpful in preparing for the actual problems on the LARE. I am grateful for the knowledge you passed along in the workshop and I would strongly encourage anyone who is preparing to sit for the LARE to enroll in the UTA workshop. It's well worth the cost.
...Respectfully, Kurt B*

As a landscape designer with a heavy background in drainage, irrigation and construction details; Mr. Pack's class was just what I needed to advance through the design portion of the LARE. I would highly recommend it to anyone. Thanks...Jeremy G

I can't tell you how much both of your classes helped me. I'm recommending you to everyone taking the exam. I passed both graphic sections on the first try....Amanda R.

John - I just wanted to send you a quick email to give you an update following the receipt of test scores for the grading exam. I successfully passed this round and have completed the LARE. Your class truly helped my confidence going into the exam and I thank you so much for helping me to finally achieve my goal. Thank you again!....Hank M.

*Hi John, I passed too!! I had to stare at the word 'passed' for a long time before I believed it. I did not have a good feeling about the test afterwards, but I'll take it! The techniques and skills I learned from your class as well as the repetition of practice vignettes were invaluable. I've recommended both of UTA's prep courses to colleagues in Louisiana, so don't be surprised if you get more folks from the Bayou up that way in the near future.
Thanks again! Sincerely, Adam W.*