



## LA CES™ Approved Provider Application

### Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System™

*An organization completing this application should already be offering continuing education programs that meet the LA CES criteria or planning to do so shortly.*

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Confirm: \_\_\_\_\_

Login:

Password: \_\_\_\_\_ Password Confirm: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain the nature and mission of your organization:

Check below the statement that describes your organization:

- Legally constituted organization – Product provider/ manufacturer
- Legally constituted organization – Service group
- Legally constituted organization – Landscape architecture firm
- Regionally or national accredited school, college, or university – list accrediting agency below:

- 
- Professional association or other not-for-profit or nonprofit organization
  - Federal       State       Local government agency

*Criterion 1. Registered courses must adhere to the LA CES definition of continuing professional education: "Continuing professional education consists of learning experiences that enhance and expand the skills, knowledge, and abilities of practicing landscape architects to remain current and render competent professional service to clients and the public."*

- 1.1 Does your organization understand the LA CES definition of continuing professional education and agree to offer courses for landscape architects that meet this definition?
- Yes       No

*Criterion 2. Registered courses must specify whether the primary subject matter qualifies as meeting the LA CES health, safety, and welfare (HSW) definition. Seventy-five (75) percent of the course material must qualify under this definition for courses to be identified as meeting the LA CES health, safety, and welfare standard. (Learn more about determining the HSW classification.)*

- 2.1 Are courses offered by your organization designated as meeting the LA CES definition of health, safety, and welfare?
- Yes       No
- 2.2 If you answered "no" to question 2.1, does your organization agree to designate registered courses as meeting the LA CES health, safety, and welfare definition?
- Yes       No

*Criterion 3. Registered courses must comply with LA CES guidelines in the assignment of professional development hours (PDH). All courses must be at least 1 PDH in length. (Learn more about calculating PDH. Learn more about distance education requirements.)*

- 3.1 Does your organization follow LA CES guidelines in assigning professional development hours to registered courses?
- Yes       No



3.2 If you answered "no" to question 3.1, does your organization agree to follow LA CES guidelines in assigning professional development hours to its registered courses?

Yes  No

*Criterion 4. Registered courses must be planned in response to the learning needs of target audiences and include clear and concise written statements of learning objectives/outcomes. Providers are required to include a minimum of three learning objectives/outcomes for each course.*

4.1 Briefly explain below how your organization determines which courses to offer for landscape architects:

4.2 Does your organization use an organized and systematic process for identifying the professional development needs of landscape architects?

Yes  No

4.3 Describe below any procedures, surveys, or materials that your organization uses to identify the educational needs of landscape architects (samples may be requested by the Application Review Committee):

4.4 Learning objectives/outcomes are written statements of what participants are expected to accomplish as a result of the course. Does your organization develop written learning objectives/outcomes? Check the most appropriate choice below.

Always  Sometimes  Never

4.5 If you answered "always" or "sometimes" to question 4.4, provide examples of learning objectives/outcomes for two (2) different courses your organization has sponsored. A minimum of three (3) learning objectives/outcomes is required for each course:

4.6 If you answered "never" to question 4.4, does your organization agree to develop written learning objectives/outcomes for all programs submitted to LA CES?

Yes  No

4.7 Submit in the spaces provided below example learning outcomes (you may use one of the examples provided in question 4.5), course outline, and seventy-five-to-one-hundred (75-100) word description of a course:



*Criterion 5. Registered courses must use qualified instructional personnel in course development and delivery; include content and instructional methods that are appropriate for the intended learning objectives/outcomes; and use materials that do not contain proprietary information, are educational and generic in nature, and serve to reinforce the learning objectives. Course instructors should have experience, knowledge, and credentials relevant to the course they are teaching. The instructor should not act as a salesperson to promote any products or services. All course content and materials must be educational, and may not be commercial. The promotion or discussion of proprietary information is strictly forbidden during the course.*

5.1 How does your organization determine the appropriate qualifications for personnel who develop courses:

5.2 How does your organization determine and evaluate the appropriate qualifications for personnel who deliver courses:

5.3 Does your organization evaluate courses to ensure that program content and instructional methods are appropriate for the intended learning objectives/outcomes?

Yes  No

5.4 If you answered "yes" to question 5.3, please list below any procedures, surveys, and/or other evaluation instruments your organization uses to ensure that program content and instructional methods are appropriate for the intended learning objectives/outcomes (samples may be requested by the Application Review Committee):

5.5 Does your organization follow LA CES criteria to use only materials that do not contain proprietary information?

Yes  No

*Criterion 6. Registered courses must include a mechanism for assessing participant attainment of the learning objectives/outcomes.*

6.1 How does your organization assess participant attainment of the learning objectives:

*Criterion 7. Registered courses must be evaluated by participants and issue a confirmation and verification of completion for each participant who completes a course. (Download a model evaluation form and download a sample certificate of completion.)*

7.1 Are courses offered by your organization evaluated by the participants?

Yes  No  Sometimes

7.2 Does your organization evaluate its programs in ways other than by participants?

Yes  No  Sometimes

7.3 If you answered "yes" or "sometimes" to question 7.2, please explain the methods you use:

7.4 Does your organization provide certificates of completion to each individual who satisfactorily completes a course? (Samples may be requested by the Application Review Committee.)

Yes  No

7.5 If you answered "no" to question 7.4, how does your organization provide confirmation of attendance to participants:



*Criterion 8. Registered courses must maintain complete attendance records that are available to participants on request for a minimum of six (6) years and have a review process in operation that ensures that LA CES criteria are met. Attendance records must be reported on the LA CES website within twenty (20) days of the completion of the event using the template provided. In addition, approved providers must keep copies of all course materials for a minimum of six (6) years. In jointly sponsored programs the responsibility for attendance records, ensuring the criteria are met, and retention of course materials rests with the organization issuing the professional development hours.*

8.1 Does your organization agree to maintain complete attendance records for registered courses with confirmations available to participants on request for a minimum of six (6) years, and to submit records to LA CES within twenty (20) business days?

Yes       No

8.2 Describe your organization's recordkeeping system for participant records:

8.3 Does your organization have an internal review process currently in operation that ensures the LA CES criteria are met for each program? (An internal review process should indicate the roles and responsibilities of individuals who are knowledgeable of the LA CES criteria and review each program for compliance with the criteria.)

Yes       No

8.4 If you answered "yes" to question 8.3, please insert any written policy or describe your organization's criteria review process below:

8.5 If you answered "no" to question 8.3, does your organization agree to develop an internal review process?

Yes       No

8.6 Does your organization agree to keep all course materials for a minimum of six (6) years? (Copies of these materials may be requested by the LA CES Monitoring Committee or state licensure boards.)

Yes       No

## **LA CES™ Approved Provider Agreement**

*As an applicant our organization agrees to:*

1. *Provide accurate and truthful information to LA CES in all transactions to the best of our knowledge.*
2. *Conduct our operations and programs in an ethical manner that respects the rights and worth of the professionals we serve.*
3. *Provide full and accurate disclosure of information about our programs, services, and fees in our promotional materials.*
4. *Use only the LA CES approved statement of provider recognition on our promotional and educational materials, with the understanding that participation in the LA CES program does not automatically qualify courses as meeting any state continuing education regulations as this decision rests with the state.*
5. *Only identify courses registered with LA CES as being recognized by LA CES.*
6. *Report to LA CES any major organizational or program changes within thirty (30) days that impact the operation of the administrative unit on which provider qualifications are based.*
7. *Accept LA CES monitoring of any programs we provide for purposes of compliance with the criteria.*
8. *Furnish requested information, work cooperatively with LA CES, and pay fees on a timely basis.*
9. *Operate within the LA CES criteria and the terms of this agreement or relinquish our approval status after due process.*
10. *On notification from LA CES, abide by any revisions of the criteria or inform LA CES of our intention to withdraw.*



**Landscape Architecture  
Continuing Education System™**

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
agrees to abide by all of the foregoing terms and conditions and affirms that the information contained in  
this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Primary Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_