Demonstrate your sustainability reporting know-how

Become a GRI Certified Sustainability Professional

Gain a competitive edge by showing your expertise and earning a trusted recognition in sustainability reporting through this professional certification issued directly by GRI, the world’s leading standard setter for sustainability disclosure.

The GRI Professional Certification Program offers globally applicable and recognized professional development for individuals operating in the sustainability field, with a focus on enhancing knowledge, expertise and skills required to applying the GRI Standards and improving the quality of sustainability reporting.

Five reasons to enroll:

1. Enhance your knowledge and skills needed to use the GRI Standards.
2. Get professional recognition by a trusted source.
3. Improve the quality of your sustainability reporting.
4. Upskill and gain a competitive edge in your career.
5. Strengthen your sustainability reporting credentials.

Choose your own learning route

**Route A: Online and self-paced learning:** all four courses covering the fundamentals of GRI reporting and the final exam are easily accessible 24/7 through the GRI Academy – GRI’s own learning platform. Get started whenever suits you best!

The online courses offer interactive, narrated learning with intermediate checkpoints to monitor progress and help you stay on track.

**Route B: Blended learning:** opt for the GRI Standards Certified Training Course, our trainer-facilitated online or in-person classroom course, delivered by one of our trusted Certified Training Partners (CTPs) in 48 countries. Follow with the courses of ‘Reporting on Human Rights with GRI Standards 2021 Update’ and ‘Integrating SDGs Into Sustainability reporting’ through our CTPs or online, and complete your certification with the final online exam.

Enjoy a highly interactive setting with guidance from your trainer, plus local and context-specific materials and opportunities to broaden your perspectives through knowledge sharing with other participants.

“Having completed a MSc in Environmental Sustainability in 2019, I wanted to develop my sustainability knowledge further. The Professional Certification Program helped me deepen my understanding of sustainability and it significantly broadened my perspectives. The holistic approach set by the GRI Standards allows one to truly capture an organization’s contribution to sustainability and the wider society.”

Alan Reynolds, Head of Regulation and Energy at Panda Power
Continuous professional development and annual certification renewal

To support your continuous professional development and help you stay up-to-date with the latest trends, news and developments in sustainability reporting and the GRI Standards, we will be releasing new courses on a continuous basis.

GRI certified sustainability professionals are required to complete a minimum of eight hours of continuing educational units within 2 years to stay updated and maintain their status. Some CEUs will be made mandatory, others are free to pick and choose.

Courses and pricing

Route A: Online and self-paced learning

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Note: GRI Community members get a 25% discount

*Learning hours presented are an estimation and may vary

Route B: Blended learning

If you opt for the blended learning route, you can choose a CTP that offers the GRI Standards Certified Training Course. Courses 3 and 4 can be either completed through a CTP or online - all details are available in the CTP course directory. The certification exam is always online at the GRI Academy.