

PATH TO OALA MEMBERSHIP

STUDENT

3-4 YEARS

STUDY IN AN ACCREDITED LA PROGRAM

Studying in an accredited BLA or MLA Program will allow you to apply for Associate membership after graduation.



BECOME A STUDENT AFFILIATE MEMBER

Sign up on the OALA Website to stay up to date with the profession including monthly newsletters and event notifications.



STUDY IN A NON-ACCREDITED PROGRAM, AND WORK IN THE FIELD

If you have not attended an accredited BLA or MLA program, you can apply for Associate membership after working in the field under the direction of an OALA Member for a minimum of 4 years.

ASSOCIATE

2-7 YEARS

APPLY FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Find your endorser and advisor; you should be working in the field.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PDP)

The following three components make up your PDP and can be done simultaneously:



EXPERIENCE REPORTS

Once your Associate application is accepted, you will be given a mandatory PDP Experience period to complete before you can apply for full membership (24-72 months).

Be sure your advisor completes your midterm and final assessments as these are required to apply for full membership.



LARE EXAMS

Successful completion of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.) is required for licensure as a landscape architect. Three passed exams allow you to apply for full membership with certificate. Four passed exams also grants you the stamp.

INDEPENDENT COURSE OF STUDY (IS)

The IS list will be a helpful resource during your PDP and throughout your career. You must complete all of PART A of the IS list and those items in PART B that you require for your job. You should submit your reading list prior to your midterm assessment. You and your advisor sign off that you have completed the list as a requirement to apply for full membership.

FULL MEMBER

PARTICIPATE IN YOUR PROFESSION

APPLY FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

There are several options for full member eligibility including:

- graduating with a BLA/MLA and going through the Associate PDP;
- equivalent membership and;
- extensive relative professional experience with a BLA or MLA degree.

VOLUNTEER

An excellent way to gain MCE credits is to volunteer within the Association. There are several committees members can participate in including the OALA Council; or members also volunteer as Reviewers or Advisors. Volunteering is the best way to stay active in the Association and enrich the education and involvement of future landscape architects.



MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION (MCE)

Once you become an OALA full member you are required to participate in the MCE Program. Depending on when you become a full member in the MCE period, your required credits will be prorated. OALA full members are required to earn 30 CE credits over each 3-year MCE period. Credits are logged on the OALA website.



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QUESTIONS?

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