

ANNOUNCEMENT

LARE WORKSHOP FOR SECTION E, GRADING, DRAINAGE AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The Arizona Chapter is pleased to announce an exam preparation workshop for those preparing for the December 2010 LARE Section E, Grading, Drainage and Stormwater Management exam.

Where: Arizona State University, Tempe Campus, Center for Design (CDS) room 321, Tempe, Arizona. A detailed vicinity map showing classroom location and parking is provided with the *Introduction to LARE Section E Workshop* document which you will download from the workshop File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site (instructions will be provided when you enroll).

Dates/Times: Friday, November 12th, 2010, from 12:00 noon to 7:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday, November 13th and 14th, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Cost: ASLA Members and Associates, \$300; Non-Members \$375

Enrollment is limited to first 22 applicants, first come, first served, and based on postmark or date and time of email. Enrollment deadline is Tuesday, November 9th. To enroll, contact Wendy Lotze at (520) 730-8182, or email her at <wrae.lo@gmail.com>.

Instructor: Jerry Hastings, ASLA. Jerry has over 40 years of experience as a licensed landscape architect working in both the public and private sectors. Jerry has taught various license prep courses since 1984, and has over 30 years experience teaching a variety of landscape architectural courses, primarily at the University of California at Los Angeles.

In 2004, Jerry decided to focus exclusively on preparing licensure candidates to sit for LARE Section E, Grading, Drainage and Stormwater Management, which he also currently teaches at UCLA as well as independently in other cities in the western United States. Jerry is also the author of *LARE Review Section E Vignettes: Grading, Drainage, and Stormwater Management* published by Professional Publication, Incorporated (PPI). (Note that the vignettes used in the workshop *are not* the same as those presented in *LARE Review Section E Vignettes*.)

About the LARE Section E Workshop at Arizona State University

The LARE Section E Workshop is designed to improve your probability of passing Section E, Grading, Drainage and Stormwater Management. It does so by focusing on the two key proficiencies you need to pass.

1. **Subject Matter Mastery.** To pass Section E, you must have a thorough technical knowledge of grading, drainage and stormwater management. To address this need, the workshop is structured as a short, *intense* grading and drainage course with a focus on the unique nature of the exam. Exercises, with solutions, are used to reinforce the learning experience (solutions are provided for all exercises and vignettes).
2. **Test-taking Experience.** Knowing how to take the test is arguably as important as subject matter mastery! The three essential components of test taking are:

- Familiarity with the form of the exam—the LARE differs from the practice of real world grading design. Any resemblance to the practice of real-world grading and drainage is superficial. The problems are contrived and artificial. Second, the time allotted to complete each vignette (approximately 1-1/4 hours per vignette, or four vignettes in five-hours) is considerably less than would typically be allotted in an office practice environment, yet solutions must be taken to a point well beyond schematic.
- Familiarity with basic vignette types—i.e., topographic/watershed, retention/detention of stormwater, screening with earthen mound, plan and profile, horseshoe swale, etc.—the most effective way to attain adequate test-taking experience and exam type familiarity is through exposure to sample vignettes that closely resemble the actual exam in subject matter, scope and rigor. To provide the most realistic possible exposure, the workshop features more than 35 vignettes that span the gamut of vignette types.
- Stamina. This often-overlooked “personal resource” is essential to success. The examinee must be able to concentrate at the highest level for five-hours straight. Through solving vignettes under conditions that closely replicate actual test taking in terms of time pressure and rigor, workshop attendees are, in effect, participating in an exam dress rehearsal.

What you get: In addition to 23-hours of exam-specific classroom instruction, your enrollment includes an exam-specific textbook containing over 235-pages of instructional materials including exercises (with solutions), and more than thirty-five 11” x 17” practice vignettes (with solutions, of course).

Pre-Workshop Materials:

To jump-start your participation in the workshop, you will be asked to download pre-workshop materials from the workshop FTP site. Once you enroll, Wendy will email you the Web address and instructions for accessing the FTP site and printing the required documents.

Testimonials

Below are testimonials submitted by past successful workshop attendees.

Hi Jerry. I was in one of your workshops back in the spring and I have to share the good news. They just posted the results for the June Section E exam and I passed!!! Not only that, but it was my first time taking it! Needless to say, your very excellent review and preparation was a significant part of it. Thank you!!! Anyway, many thanks again, your review class is a “must do” for anyone looking to get through the licensing process! Anonymous

Jerry, I recently passed section E thanks to your class (I took your class twice)! All I have to do now is fill out the paper work to receive my stamp. I wanted to say thank you for being such a great teacher and for coming to all the way out to Phoenix. Your class was definitely worth it and I don't think I would've passed without it. Keep up the good work. Thank you, K. J.

*Jerry. Just a quick note to let you know that I **finally passed** the last section of the LARE. That was the Grading and Drainage portion of course. Thank you so much for all your assistance and the various vignettes that you were able to share with me. This is a great time in my career and I am in the process of getting my California and Arizona licenses. Will pass on to other colleagues how beneficial your classes were. Best Regards, R. C.*

Jerry, I wanted to thank you for your patience, positive outlook, and all the work that goes into putting your study guide together. I can finally say I passed not only section E but am on my way to passing the state test too. Thank you for taking time out from your weekends for our one-on-one test reviews. Attached is a photo

of me having a bacon avocado burger and two glasses of champagne... I have never been so happy (RELIEVED) that I don't have to sit through another 5-hour test. I look forward to all that this brings in my career. Thank you again, R. B.

Jerry, let me just start off by saying thank you for taking time out of your schedule to one, teach the principles of grading and drainage to inexperienced professionals and two, traveling to Arizona for a weekend study session. I have great news about 'Section E' of the LARE Exam. I took that test in June and have just found out that I PASSED!!!!!!!!!!!! This was my final exam that I needed to get my landscape architecture registration. Thanks again, K. M., ASLA (soon RLA)

Hello Jerry. I attended last April's grading and drainage study session in Las Vegas. I am writing to you to say I passed the section this past June and just received my license here in the state of Florida. I honestly believe that your three-day session was instrumental in my success. I appreciated having all the practice problems to take with me, and your gentle encouragement throughout the session. Thanks again for your assistance. Sincerely, E. M. Registered Landscape Architect

Jerry: The letter just arrived in the mail and it is official, I passed sections C and E. I did not want to write until I had written proof. For some reason I just did not trust those electronic readings on the CLARB website that said pass. If I had not taken your grading prep course in Vegas then I know I would not have passed, and on my very first try!!!! Now all I have to do is pass the multiple-choice sections, thankfully I hear they are not nearly as difficult. I have told everyone I know who is preparing for section E to take your class first. Hopefully they will listen. Again, a million thanks for your help. Sincerely, C. G.

*Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, ... **Thank You !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
I Passed Section E!!! I can't Thank you enough for your help. Funny thing is that I ran short of time.... as you observed during the class, my time management was not [very good]. On the last (4th) vignette, I only had about 15 minutes to get as much info on the vellum as possible. At that, it wasn't a whole lot. When I walked out of the test center, I was afraid that I had just bought a ticket to the December Exam for Sec. E. But whatever information I put on the vellum of the last vignette must have been correct and been enough to not warrant giving me a critical fail. It still hasn't sunk in yet that I passed section E. Thank You again for all your help and encouragement. P. H., ASLA, CLIA*

Jerry, hello. I always meant to write you and tell you the good news. After attending your workshop here in Phoenix last fall, I passed section E in December! Then I took the remaining [multiple choice] exams this spring, so now I'm finished. I'm sure you don't remember me (you might, I was the sole architect in the room), but I wanted to let you know, and also because I think probably the only reason I did pass was because I took that course. Thanks, A. C.

Hi Jerry. It's been a few years since I took your class at UCLA...the class (and instructor) that helped me finally pass Section E after 7 consecutive attempts. Thank you, Sir for your invaluable help, as I can now proudly refer to myself as a Nevada RLA! T.G.

Hi Jerry. Last week I went to pick up my license, thank you, I owe it all to your classes.... I am very happy to tell you that I passed all the exams the first time.... Thank you again for your guidance. A.S.