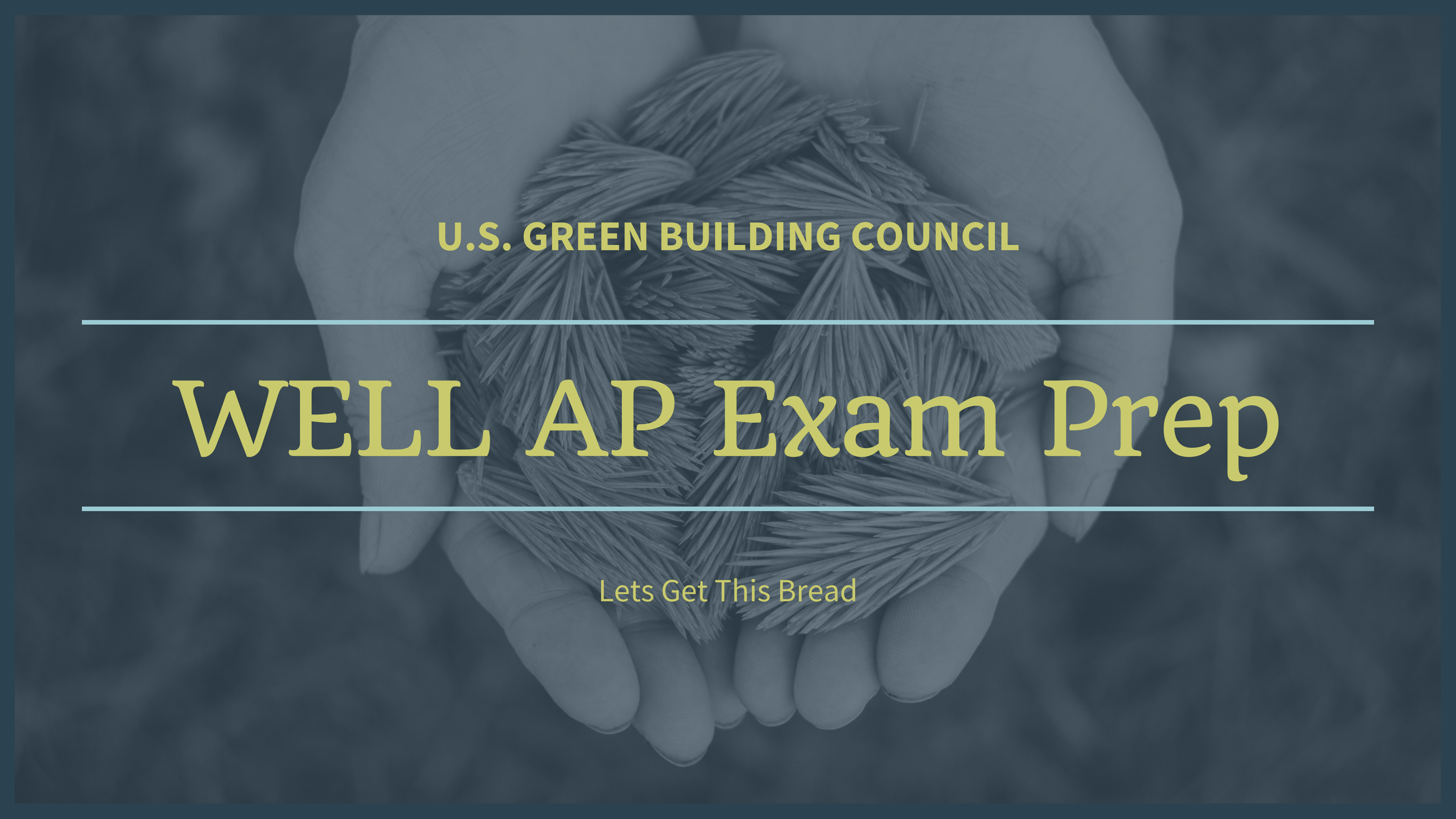




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# WELL AP Exam Prep

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# What is the WELL Building Standard About?

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The WELL Building Standard (WELL) focuses on the people in the building. The standard places human health and comfort to the forefront of building practices and reinvents buildings that are not only better for the planet, but also for people. This is the first standard of its kind that focuses solely on the health and wellness of building occupants.

# How is it related to the LEED rating System?

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Other than being administered by the GBCI, WELL and LEED are both independent building rating systems. LEED focuses on sustainability as it pertains to the built environment along with occupant comfort. On the other hand, WELL focuses solely on the health and wellness of building occupants. WELL complements LEED and other rating systems geared towards environmental sustainability.

# What is the exam like?

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The exam is similar to what we see with the LEED Green Associate, AP and other credential exams. It is a computer-based multiple choice exam that is taken at a Prometric testing center. The exam is 2 hours long and contains 100 questions including 15 unscored items. The exam is in English. There are questions that require you to pick multiple correct answers (no partial credit). All items are delivered randomly throughout the exam and candidates are not informed of an item's status, so candidates should respond to all the items on the exam. The WELL AP exam is scored between 125 and 200. You have to earn a 170 or higher to pass and earn your WELL AP.



# What does the WELL AP Exam evaluate?

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The questions within the WELL AP Exam test candidates' abilities to recall factual information learned from the WELL standard guide, identify a solution for a scenario or problem given in a question and analyze the relationship or interaction between multiple elements of the rating system.

# What is most important to study for the test?

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The knowledge domains or concepts are the most important to study for the test. Understanding how many questions you can expect from each knowledge domain or concept will help identify how each section is weighed. This is noted in the beginning of each knowledge domain or concept. At a minimum, identify, understand and learn the context of each feature, requirement and path involved. Pay close attention to texts that are highlighted, italicized, and underlined in your study guide and modules.



# Is memorization needed for the WELL AP exam?

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Yes, but it's not memorization alone. Information is hard to remember if it does not make sense. So you need to understand what you are trying to learn and relate it to things you already know from the guide or your current knowledge.

# Are there any helpful memorization techniques?

We have identified and listed several memorization techniques within the guide such as Mnemonics (using the first letter of each word to create an easily remembered phrase or word). Choose the ones that work for you or use them to improvise your own techniques that suit you as each of us have a different way of learning and recalling information. According to Edward Bolled - "We remember what we understand; we understand only what we pay attention to; we pay attention to what we want." Some of us identify and attach information to numbers while some identify them to sound, music and words. Studies have shown that revision is the key to long term memorization. Add notes or annotate while you read the guide for the first time. Review a concept after you read it once, pay attention to underlined text and your notes. Review it again before going to bed, and again the next day while trying to recall requirements for each WELL feature. Take the practice quizzes. Review your answers and revise the guide as needed. You should review the guide again after 1 day, 3 days and 1 week .Each time you review, you don't have to read the whole concept, just focus on key items or underlined texts. You should be able to recall the information needed to pass the test.

I see a lot of numbers, Reference documents and standards. Should I memorize all of them?

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You are not required to memorize every single threshold, number and reference standard; however certain concepts carry more weightage than others. We have identified important ones by highlighting, italicizing or underlining the texts. Please memorize those.



# Should I memorize the title of each feature within the WELL building standard?

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You are not required to memorize the titles or identification numbers associated with each feature. The features along with their identification number and titles will appear in FULL in your exam questions and answer choices.

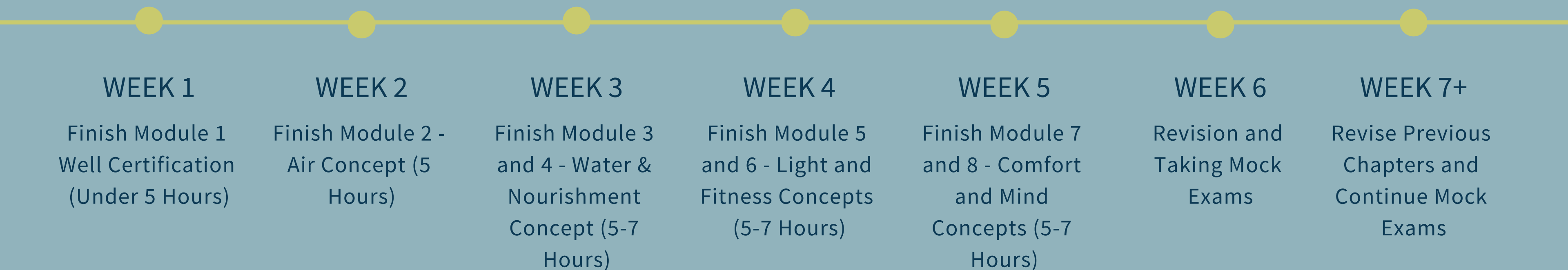
# Should I memorize the pre-conditions under each concept?

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Identifying a feature - whether it is a pre-condition or optimization is important for the exam. There is an easy way to identify the optimizations within each concept area; we have noted it in the beginning of each concept.

# WELL AP Road Map

Keep track of the calendar







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**Thank You!!**

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