



PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE: PREREQUISITES FOR LICENSURE (2002)

Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects supports a three-part basis for qualification of candidates for licensure: education, experience, and examination. These three elements are complementary and represent a continuum of development of professional skills necessary to practice.

The ASLA believes that a professional degree in Landscape Architecture from a program accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board should be a prerequisite for licensing. The ASLA also believes that alternate experiences to the accredited degree could be considered as fulfilling the educational prerequisites to licensure on an individual candidate basis.

These may include practical experience, alternative educational tracks, or a combination thereof.

The ASLA believes that practical experience, under the guidance and supervision of a licensed landscape architect, is necessary to provide real-world application of skills learned through a professional education. This experience must be targeted toward the goal of licensure.

The ASLA believes that examination is a necessary requirement to confirm the effectiveness of the candidate's education and experience, and to demonstrate that the necessary skills have been developed to practice responsibly, particularly related to the issues of public health, safety and welfare.

Note

This policy is one of an integrated group of policies on licensing issues.

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