



## Become a leader in accessibility

In Canada, almost 50 per cent of adults have or have experienced a permanent or temporary physical disability or live with someone who has. No matter the cause, each of us are likely to experience disability at some point in our lives and will need our communities to be accessible so that we can continue to participate and live full lives.

**The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) Training is now available online. Together we are committed to working to help improve accessibility of the built environment in Canada — the places where we live, work, learn, and play.**

RHFAC is a comprehensive rating system that measures the accessibility of buildings and sites and promotes increased access through the adoption of universal design principles. This program is the only one in Canada using a rating system to identify and certify accessibly built environments based on a consistent methodology.

*"The course was well paced, and I did not feel overwhelmed and was able to space my time with my job and taking the course at the same time. It is fantastic to have an online version of this course."*

~ RHFAC Learner

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Accessibility  
Certification™

### The PowerED™ Advantage

Whether you're an architect, general contractor, engineer, urban planner, design-builder, or anyone interested in accessibility in the built environment, qualifying for an RHFAC Professional designation will provide you with the knowledge and practical skills needed to rate a building for its overall accessibility.

This digital course includes a variety of enriched content including virtual fieldwork interactives, videos, activities, readings, assessment tools, and peer discussions – all offered in a coached digital environment allowing you the freedom and flexibility you need.

*"Being able to offer an online version of RHFAC Training ensures we can reach a broader audience, including those for whom commuting to a physical classroom may be a barrier."*

~ Brad McConnell, VP Access and Inclusion at  
the Rick Hansen Foundation

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## Program Overview

Participants will learn about the impact of the social and physical environment of people with disabilities, the relevant legislation, regulations, and standards needed when planning and executing a rating, and about universal design principles and standards.



Upon successful completion of the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ Training, students are eligible to write the online exam, administered by CSA Group, to achieve their RHFAC Professional designation.



### COURSE LENGTH

10 weeks



### EFFORT

10-12 hours/week



### DELIVERY

Online



### INSTRUCTION

Coached



### COST

\$2,500

## Course Prerequisites

- You have a diploma or degree in architecture, engineering, urban planning, interior design, or a related program; or
- You have a Journeyman Certificate of Qualification in a designated trade related to building construction; or
- You are an engineer or are eligible for registration as an engineer; or
- You are an architect or are eligible for registration as an architect; or
- You have a minimum of five years' experience related to accessibility in the built environment and/or building construction.
- You should possess a high level of proficiency with computer systems and programs, including MS Excel, as well as solid written and verbal communication skills.

**Within the next 20 years, the number of Canadians with disabilities is expected to grow to more than 9 million.**

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