



Lean Academy Gold and Gold Plus Certification Checklist

We are excited that you want to take this journey with us! Here is what you need to know for the Gold and Gold Plus Certification process.

Required Course Work

Bronze and Silver level certification must be successfully completed prior to applying for Gold Certification.

		Choice of two						
LEVEL	Lean Foundations (LF)	Gemba Walk	Visual Management and 6S	Performance Metrics	Daily Management and Help Chain	Leader Standard Work	Standardized Work	
Bronze	X							
Bronze Plus	X							
Requires prior completion of Bronze certification		Choice of two						
LEVEL	LMS Continuous Improvement (CI)	LMS Lean Leadership	A3 Problem Solving	Kaizen	Value Stream Mapping	Process Mapping		
Silver	X	X						
Silver Plus	X	X						
Requires prior completion of Bronze & Silver certifications		Choice of one						
LEVEL	LMS Strategic Planning & Deployment (SP&D)	Cascading A3	Hoshin Kanri	Obeya				
Gold	X							
Gold Plus	X							

Exam

Upon the completion of the required course work and submittal of the application, attendees seeking certification are required to take a multiple-choice exam to demonstrate their knowledge about the subject matter they learned during DHLA sessions. Exams range from 30-50 questions, are time-restricted, and can be repeated if a passing score of 90% was not obtained. Exams are open note and can be taken following the completion of the course work.

Portfolio

Certification PLUS requires the submission of a portfolio that answers a series of questions about the Lean work (*i.e.*, samples of your work or projects) a candidate has engaged with, lead, or completed. The portfolio must show evidence of application of the candidate's Lean knowledge to solve real world business challenges at the enterprise level. Prior to submitting the portfolio, complete the Gold Portfolio Application.

Below are the steps to getting to your Gold Certification:

For the Gold Certification:

- Successfully complete Bronze and Silver Certification
- Attend LMS Strategic Planning & Deployment and one of the SP&D Deep Dive courses noted above



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- Complete the [application](#) to review your coursework
- Lean Academy will send you a link to the exam within 7-10 business day
- Successfully complete the Gold exam (90% to pass)
- Lean Academy sends approval of Gold Certification within 10-14 business days!

For the Gold Plus Certification, in addition to the above coursework and exam:

- Complete three separate samples or projects of your work
- Request the Gold Portfolio Application from leanacademy@dhha.org
- Complete and return the Gold Portfolio Application along with your portfolio to leanacademy@dhha.org
- Lean Academy reviews and approves (or sends back clarifying questions) of the portfolio within 90 days
- Lean Academy sends approval of Gold Plus Certification!