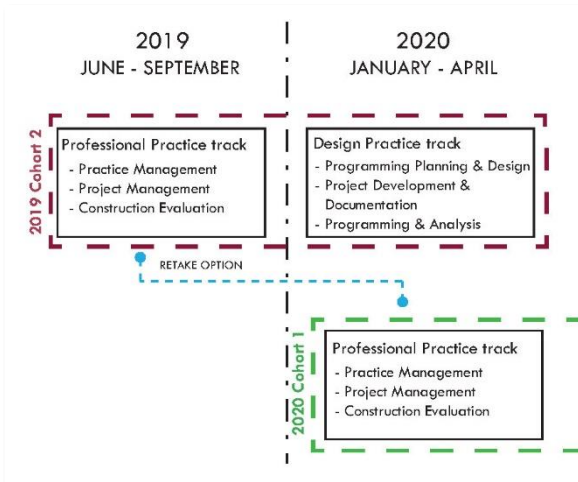**What is the ARE Success Teams Program?**

It's an accelerated study program designed to support ARE candidates through a structured and focused approach, providing the materials, mentorship, and camaraderie needed to pass the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). The program will feature recurring meetings with mentors, where all participants gather and go over study materials and/or strategies, exam experiences, trade study materials, etc. and occasionally attend ARE lectures or compete in friendly ARE trivia games.

The six divisions of ARE 5.0 are organized into two tracks:
- Professional Practice Track (PcM + PjM + CE)
- Design Practice Track (PPD + PDD + PA)

The 2019 Cohort 2 schedule will be as followed:

Who are the mentors? And what can I expect at the mentoring sessions?

Mentors are volunteers who have recently taken, and have successfully established a study strategy to tackle, that specific division of the ARE 5.0 that they are mentoring. Mentors are carefully selected and trained. They have committed to meeting with the team at all the mandatory mentor sessions, and will be available for questions and comments throughout the duration of the track.

Participants can expect at least one round-table page-turner style mentor session per exam division (so three per track); where the mentors will go over exam strategies and content in a detailed manner.

Additional mentor sessions *may* take place, frequency, format, and dates of which will vary depending on the nature of the division, and may occasionally coincide with ARE lectures or trivia nights.

Different mentors will be assigned to each division, so participants will have the opportunity to learn from several mentors throughout the track.

If you have a mentor recommendation, or if you would like to become a mentor, let us know!

Who can participate in the ARE Success Team?
Associates with an active NCARB record, who are eligible to test, are welcome. Participants are required to show proof of ARE Eligibility from NCARB. AIA Dallas and Northeast Texas members will have priority to enroll.

How do I join the ARE Success Team?
Complete the online application before EOB Friday, May 24. Once accepted (and only when you are accepted to the program), you will be invoiced for the program fee. Payment is required to secure your spot.

What is the cost?
For both tracks, the cost is $250 for AIA Dallas Members/ $350 for Non-Members.
Participants may also enroll in just one track at a time for $150/$220

How many people will be on the team?
This depends on enrollment and mentor availability; but the optimum number is about 8-10 in each team.

Team Assignments
You may be grouped into teams based on geographic locations of your home or office, if needed. But all teams are required to attend the mandatory Mentor Sessions at the AD EX.

What do I commit to as a team member?
Within the application form, participants sign an agreement committing to taking the exams in the same order and on the same schedule as the other group members within the course period. They also agree to meet with the team weekly to study, share tips, exchange information, offer support, and commiserate with understanding colleagues.
As a team member, you commit to participating with professionalism and enthusiasm, attending all meetings scheduled by the group, working with team members to develop a realistic schedule for studying and taking the exams, and continuing to support team members until everyone has passed his or her exams.

What if I can't get a test scheduled in time?
We encourage the whole team to register for each exam within the same week – a recommended calendar will be distributed at the first mentor session (June 5, 2019).
We encourage participants to register as early on as possible to ensure the team can move forward together.
There are multiple centers to schedule your exam at if the one closest to you is full. If you can't register for your exam during the exam week, schedule your exam as soon as is available.

What if I fail an exam?
Most candidates fail at some point during the process. If this happens, participants are encouraged to continue on forward with the team to the next exam. Retakes should be scheduled for the end of the track, after the team has completed all three of the exams together.

I have a very full schedule. What if I fall behind on my studying?
You have **committed** to a team of people that you are not going to fall behind, please consider these strategies:
Once you have joined the Success Team program, AIA Dallas will send a letter to your Principal and Project Manager/Direct Manager letting them know about your commitment. We recommend that you let everyone know you

are on a fast-paced track to tackle the ARE. You should give your colleagues a schedule/study plan, indicating the days you will be at study groups, lectures, and taking exams. In addition to the letter from AIA Dallas, we strongly recommend that you personally let your Principal/Project Manager know that you are taking the exams and about your commitment to your fellow Success Team members.

What about study materials?
AIA Dallas will provide participants with meeting space, access to some study materials (participants should expect to purchase some others), and administrative support. Team members may be able to check out a copy of the available study materials from the AIA Dallas lending library for free (limited copies available). A deposit, in form of a hold on a valid credit card, is required, in case of damages or lost or failure to return the study materials.

What about lectures and other ARE Prep events?
The AIA Dallas Young Professionals Network hosts other ARE Prep programs/events throughout the year that complements the Success Teams program. Success Team participants will get waived or discounted access to:
- ARE Lecture Series
- ARE Trivia Nights

AIA Dallas will make the best effort to arrange for these programs/events to coincide with the success team schedule; but it is not guaranteed.

I have more questions.
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