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## Emerging Professional's Companion

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What is the Emerging Professional's Companion (EPC)? The AIA, together with NCARB, has completely revised the 1992 version of the *Supplementary Education Handbook* to support the interns on his or her path to licensure and is now referred to as the EPC. The EPC, a web-based professional development resource ([www.epcompanion.org](http://www.epcompanion.org)), consists of learning activities related to the IDP training areas. The EPC describes fundamental practice issues, asks key questions and defines learning strategies. The EPC also provides other resources that can help you clarify issues, address problems and answer questions. **You can earn one elective training unit for each completed learning activity.**

Because the EPC content is delivered online, it's seamlessly portable for the users at anytime and anywhere there is an internet connection. Users of the Companion, whether you're a student, intern, or young architect, can begin working with the EPC material at any point where they need additional support. Each chapter is aligned with the NCARB 16 IDP Training Areas to provide a learning environment for the individual via a collection of exercises.

One young architect had this to say about the Emerging Professional's Companion:

*"As a project designer coordinating several interns at a time, I frequently run into interns who express concern over their ability to earn credit in areas outside of their current duties - even though they enjoy their current duties. Designers fret about not having more experience, and interns focused on production fret over not earning enough site planning credit. The EPC will be of immense value in helping interns to earn their credits without having to change job functions into something they don't find as appealing."*

So how much does it cost to utilize this tool? The EPC is free for those who need it most, AIA Associate members and NCARB IDP Record Holders. AIA members pay only \$150 for access to more than 225 continuing education units (CEU's) and non-members pay \$250. A firm may sign up under one name but only one user at a time may use the web based tool.

If you are close to completing IDP but need an extras boost, the EPC can be a great resource to get you to the exam fast! Take control of your own career path and internship on your own terms via online. If you or your interns have any questions, drop me a line at [tomahouse@verizon.net](mailto:tomahouse@verizon.net) and I will attempt to answer your questions and/or concerns. As always, please pass this information along to your interns.

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