

# Creating a safe, sustainable environment for building occupants

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## **ABSTRACT**

Creating a safe, sustainable environment for building occupants -- workers, patients, students, shoppers, and others -- is paramount. What goes into a building matters, and what goes into those products matter. In an increasingly complex sustainability landscape, a better understanding of material health, material reutilization, water, energy, and social responsibility of impacts of products is key for all building industry professionals.

The Cradle to Cradle Product Certification Program can help architects, interior designers, product specifiers, building owners, tenants and others select the best materials for human health and environmental sustainability. This course showcases the way Cradle to Cradle Certified products can contribute to LEED v4 MR Credits (Product Disclosure and

Optimization & Material Ingredient Disclosure), and how those responsible for selecting products can differentiate among the tools recognized by LEED v4 on a continuum from disclosure / transparency to optimization.

## **BIOGRAPHY**

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