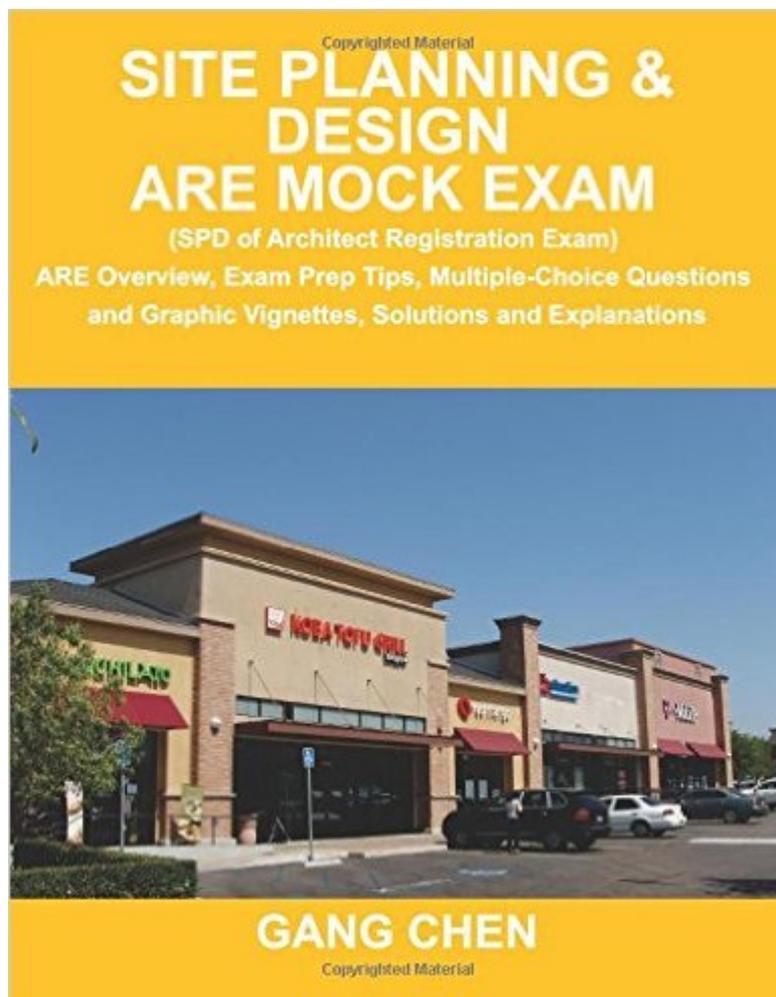


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# Site Planning & Design ARE Mock Exam (SPD Of Architect Registration Exam): ARE Overview, Exam Prep Tips, Multiple-Choice Questions And Graphic ... And Explanations (ARE Mock Exam Series)





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A Practical Guide & Mock Exam for the Site Planning & Design (SPD) Division of the ARE! Every July, NCARB begins to recreate the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) questions based on a new guide and scope. We always incorporate this latest information into our books. To become a licensed architect, you need to have a proper combination of education and/or experience, meet your Board of Architecture's special requirements, and pass all seven divisions of ARE. This book provides an ARE exam overview, suggested reference and resource links, exam prep and exam taking techniques, tips and guides, and a realistic and complete mock exam with solutions and explanations for the Site Planning & Design (SPD) Division of the ARE. More specifically this book covers the following subjects: 1. ARE, IDP, and Education Requirements 2. ARE Exam Content, Format, and Prep Strategies 3. Principles 4. Codes and Regulations 5. Environmental, Social & Economic Issues 6. Materials & Technology 7. Project & Practice Management 8. Site Grading 9. Site Design 10. Four Graphic Vignettes with Step-By-Step Solutions Using the NCARB Practice Program Software 11. Instructions on Installing Alternate dwg Files for Use with NCARB Software 12. Instructions on Saving and Installing Various Solution Files for Use with NCARB Software

The mock exam includes 65 challenging questions of the same difficulty level and format as the real exam (multiple-choice, check-all-that-apply, and fill-in-the-blank), and four graphic vignette solutions. This book will help you pass the SPD division of the ARE and become a licensed architect! Can you study and pass the ARE Site Planning & Design (SPD) Exam in 2 weeks? The answer is yes IF you study the right materials: If you have ZERO experience but read the right materials, you can pass with 2 weeks of prep. If you study our book, "Site Planning & Design ARE Mock Exam," you have an excellent chance of studying and passing the ARE Site Planning & Design (SPD) Exam in 2 weeks. We have added many tips and tricks that WILL help you pass the exam on your first try. Our goal is to take a very complicated subject and make it simple. "Site Planning & Design ARE Mock Exam" will save you time and money and help you pass the exam on the first try!

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This book could be done in half the amount of pages. There is tons of unnecessary info in very large print at the beginning about the ARE and IDP in general. The first links to recommended readings don't work, after I went to the trouble to write down the long links. VERY annoying!! If they're going to constantly use links as resources to explain something then this book should be digital, end of story. For almost every multiple choice question's answer was another typed out link to a website for an explanation to the answer. How lazy are these publishers?? Seriously?!! I have to type in a mile long website address (which probably won't work) to find an explanation to the answers. Or if they didn't use a link to explain things they repeated "A" is correct, "B, C, D" are incorrect..... well yes Sherlock! I imagine if A is correct B,C,D are wrong. Things weren't explained clearly at all. I buy a book like this to have answers explained to me in a way to teach me, not to send me on a goose chase to find an answer or just repeat the obvious. Will not be purchasing or buying from this publisher again. Horribly disappointed!

I bought this guide as a study supplement to my SPD exam. And it was helpful in that 1) it offers information not mentioned in the Kaplan and Ballast guides, 2) multiple choice mock exam of 65 questions, 3) clear step by step instruction on the graphic vignettes, 4) additional reading recommendation list, 5) skill in taking this exam. For SPD, I read Kaplan, flash cards, Ballast, Jenny's Notes, and Gang Chen's book. And I passed it. This key is that read, read, read and expose all pertinent concepts/ terminology to this exam. Gang Chen's book adds to this bunch of knowledge that I needed to pass. Granted the first chapter on ARE guidelines is a bit drawn out and repetitive as we all know these guidelines, time frame and number of ARE. Hence 4 stars from me.

Gang Chen does a great job every time. I have purchased many of his books to help me study for the ARE. He does a very fantastic job of tricking you with how he words the questions and teaching you to SLOW DOWN when you read the practice questions. These books are well written and I highly recommend Gang Chen to everyone!

If it was \$20 I would have given it a 2.5. It is simply written but a lot of it is fluff that is in each of the author's series that just add to printing costs. Reading the NCARB study outline and looking up concepts online will get you there faster and save you money. Graphics are poorly done and in black and white. NCARB's example is easier to read. For the price it was not worth it.

This book is a great resource for preparing for your exam. Where other books lack in their complete explanation of the ARE / IDP / NCARB registration process, Gang explains the entire process and helps you understand your end goal instead of just cramming for an exam (even though all of the information for cramming is in here). I thought I already knew everything about this part of the process but Gang filled in a lot of bits of information I was unaware of. Prior to finding Gang's book, I had a hard time finding detailed explanations for the graphic portions of the exams. But in this book, Gang does a wonderful job of detailing how to step by step solve each graphic problem, with plenty of screen shots and sketches to help you get there. I strongly suggest that you give Gang's book at least a couple of good solid reads prior to your exam. If you follow his directions properly, you'll be well on your way to passing AND you can walk into the Prometric testing center confident, calm and ready to ACE your next exam!JD

Great Resource! I am a big fan of the Gang Chen series and would recommend it to anyone who asks. I passed all three exams I have taken the first time using this series of books along with other resources.

This is a great SUPPLEMENT to your study material for the SPD exam. In addition to this book, I also used Kaplan, Ballast, and other online material I could get my hand on since this book alone is definitely is not enough to help you pass the exam. However, like other reviewers said, the price is a little high for the amount of content that's in it. Also beware, the Site Design Vignette Solution for the NCARB practice program is INCORRECT. They omitted one key requirement in the site design program: "2) The Restaurant and the Office Tower shall be at least 210 ft apart." As a result, the vignette solution in this book is NOT correct, and by omitting that key element, it would most likely

be a failing solution. I used the NCARB study guide to guide me to the correct solution. So for that reason, two stars. If Gang Chen corrected that issue then maybe I would give this 4 stars.

The book is useful for ARE preparation. It gives step by step instructions on how to solve the NCARB's Vignette Problems, it is helpful since the ARE Vignette Exam Problems are very similar to their example problems posted on the NCARB website.

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