Where do I find study material?
- The AIA Westchester + Hudson Valley Chapter has a Lending Library for people to request the Brightwood study books and flashcard for both 4.0 and 5.0.
- The study material can be borrowed for 6 weeks at a time. A request can be place through aiawhv.org.

Study Material for 4.0
- Brightwood (formerly Kaplan) study guides and Q/A sections
- Ballast study guides and Q/A books
- Archiflash flashcards
- Dorf Vignettes
- NCARB software which can be found on ncarb.org (it will run on the cloud and cost $10/year)
- ARE guidelines and exam guides from ncarb.org
- Black Spectacles Videos

Study Material for 5.0
- Brightwood (formerly Kaplan) study guides and Q/A sections
- Ballast study guides and Q/A books
- ARE guidelines and exam guides for ncarb.org
- Black Spectacles Videos

Helpful Websites
- ncarb.org
- http://arecoach.com
- Google Plus has a page for ARE 4.0 and ARE 5.0
- https://blackspectacles.com
- https://arendurance.wordpress.com/study-guides/

Are there outside study groups?
- The AIA NYC Chapter runs study groups throughout the year and the fees vary on the type of group.

What else should I know?
What is the cost?
ARE 4.0 is $210 per exam and ARE 5.0 is $210 per exam

Can I Reschedule?
- 0-3 business days before: No
- 4-15 business days before: $80
- 16-30 business days before: $60
- 30 or more business days before: No fee

When do I get my score?
- ARE 4.0: approximately one week
- ARE 5.0: scoring periods have fluctuated since it is a new exam
You will receive an email when your score has been uploaded to your NCARB account. You will need to login to your account to retrieve your score.

If you fail
It will be OK. KEEP MOVING FORWARD! Retake the exam 60 days after your test date. Spend the time reviewing the material. From our experience, retake the exam as soon as possible so that the material is still fresh in your head.

Those what are they even saying questions?
Take a moment and breath! Read the question and try your best TO answer it. Not all of the questions on the ARE are graded. Do not get hung up on a question. You can always go back later.

Brightwood or Ballast?
Start with both! Along with whatever other study material you find. Everyone studies differently. As you move along, you will figure out what works best for you.

What is a rolling clock?
From the moment you pass your first exam you have 5 years to finish the rest of your exams. If you pass the five year mark your exam will expire and you will have to retake that division or what is equal to it at that time.

How do you receive your NY Architect Registration?
- Pass all required exams within the 5 years and NCARB will transfer your records to New York State. A follow up with NCARB is always a good idea to confirm it has been completed.
- New York State Education of Office of Professionals will contact you once your registration has been approved. (Remember you already paid the registration fee with your initial application to test and no additional fees will collected).
- Receive your New York Registered Architect number and wall certificate from NYSED. You will need to renew your NYS registration every three years for $287. Note that your first renewal will adjust your renewal date to your birth month.
- Contact the AIA Westchester + Hudson Valley Chapter at www.vbrown@aiawhv.org for your stamp. The chapter will purchase the first stamp for those recently licensed.
- Apply for NCARB registration (optional). Be sure to add your registration number to your NCARB record at this time.
  - NCARB membership is Free for the first year if you maintained your NCARB record throughout your testing period
  - Otherwise the fee is $1,100
  - Annual renewal fee of $225
  - a $20 fee is required to NYS to transmit records back to NCARB
- Upgrade your Associate AIA to AIA by filling out the form on aia.org (Free for the first year after passing your exams)

Is there financial Assistance?
The AIA WHV chapter has a scholarship program for people who do not receive aid from their employer. You can apply after to have passed your first exam at http://www.aiawhv.org/youngprofessionals

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Steps to starting the Architecture Registration Exam (ARE)

Education:
- Complete your (NAAB) National Architectural Accrediting Board degree
- If you have not attended an NAAB School check on http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/arch/archlic.htm to see where your degree falls

Enroll in (AXP) Architectural Experience Program at ncarb.org
- There is a $100 Record Activation fee. This will include one free transmittal for your Record for registration
- There will be a $85 fee each year to maintain your account

Experience:
- The degree that you have received will determine how many years of experience you will need to gain your license.
- New York State requires a minimum of 3 years under working under a licensed architect.

New York State Requirements
- Complete and submitted an Application for Licensure (Form 1) from the New York State Education Department http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/arch/archlic.htm
- Along with the application there is a $377 fee
- Once approved the state will advise NCARB and you will be allowed to sign up for an exam

Start Taking Your Exams!
- You can sign up for exams through ncarb.org which will direct you to the Prometric Testing website.

What are the exams?
ARE 5.0 launched on November 1, 2016
ARE 4.0 will retire on June 30, 2018

ARE 4.0 Exams - 7 Exams
Construction Documents & Services: 4 hours
100 Questions and 1 Vignette
Programming, Planning & Practice: 4 hours
85 Questions and 1 Vignette
Site Planning & Design: 4.5 hours
65 Questions and 2 Vignettes
Building Design & Construction Systems: 5.5 hours
85 Questions and 3 Vignettes
Structural Systems: 5.5 hours
125 Questions and 1 Vignette
Building Systems: 4 hours
95 Questions and 1 Vignette
Schematic Design: 6 hours
2 Vignettes

ARE 5.0 - 6 Exams
Practice Management: 2.45 hours
80 Questions
Project Management: 3.15 hours
95 Questions
Programming & Analysis: 3.15 hours
95 Questions
Project Planning & Design: 4.15 hours
120 Questions
Project Development & Documentation: 4.15 hours
120 Questions
Construction and Evaluation: 3.15 hours
95 Questions

Exams cost $210 per exam
Starting July 2018 the cost will be $235 per exam

ARE 5.0 Exams Questions Types
- Multiple Choice
- Fill in the Blank
- Vignettes

ARE 5.0 Exam Questions Types
- Multiple Choice
- Case Studies
- Hot Spots
- Drag-in-Place

Transition Plan
If you are eligible to take ARE 4.0 the exams you should take are:
- Construction Documents and Services
- Programming, Planning and Practice
- Site Planning and Design
You would then be able to switch to ARE 5.0 and only have to take
- Project Planning and Design
- Project Development and Documentation
If you have already starting taking exams visit the ARE 5.0 Transition Calculator on ncarb.org

What is the preferred testing order?
It is all on your own comfort level. The exams are designed to be taken in the order that you feel is best for you.

When should you start?
NOW! No matter where you are at in your career it is good to start now!
Life will not pause for you to start your exam.