

RGD Certification Committee Annual Meeting Report

Presented by: Michelle Hopgood + Amanda Bolte

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Newly Certified RGDs

51 newly Certified RGDs (2022)

47 newly Certified RGDs (2023)

13 newly Certified RGDs (2024)



Ongoing Goal Success To-Date

RGD Wehingr Series Creating Effective Case Studies

Freshly Certified Webinar Series:

9 events total



🞉 Breaking records – March 2024!!



Highest no. of FC webinar of all time: 57

"The way you present your work is almost as important as the work itself. Explaining the project, what my contributions were, and what the thinking was behind the project."

> — Advice for building an effective case study, Jarel LaBel, Freshly Certified Webinar Panelist







Certification Sprint:

3 events / 9 attendees

(limited attendance per session)

"From the meet and greet to the activity/ working time and the group discussion that followed, it was great experience. Being able to network with others, hear different perspectives and get a refresher on Ethics and Accessibility was extremely beneficial."

— Certification Sprint Attendee



Ongoing Goal Success To-Date



Certification Mentorship:

29 Participants (April 2023–2024)

7 Certified RGDs (April 2023–2024, Total candidates = 8)

"I wanted to start the process for my RGD Certification and was looking for support. My mentor helped me choose my pieces and submit my application, which was accepted. She gave me the push I needed to apply!"

— Rachel Simms RGD



2023 Committee Goals

Certification Evaluator Review Package review
2 Certification Sprint events
Practitioner / Manager Evaluation Form review
7 Real-Life Examples of Certified RGD Case Studies
Candidate Feedback Online Survey



Highlights: 2024 Committee Goals

Create infographics for RGD website
French translations for Certification process and website
Create UX Evaluation Form
Tailor online test for Design Educators and Managers



Thank you to Heidi Veri who completed 9 RGD Certification Info Sessions this year with a total of 116 attendees!





Thank you to our 45 volunteer evaluators!





Thank You Committee Members!

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