

ARCHIFLASH DESKTOP

The most comprehensive, concise, and effective study system for multiple-choice. The alternative to hitting the books, this interactive study tool will dramatically increase your understanding and retention of what you really need to know to PASS THE ARE.

WHAT is it?

Archiflash Desktop covers every multiple-choice section of the ARE, and is packed with more information than you ever thought possible in an easy to use format. This desktop/laptop software enables you to:

- Study by ARE division
- Study with diagrams, charts, definitions, Q&A, multiple-choice, equations, etc.
- Study by Content Area: codes & regulations, materials & technology, wind forces, etc.
- Search keywords and phrases – study specific concepts
- Shuffle Deck – learn the information, avoid memorizing based on card order
- My Decks – group cards into your own decks for customized review
- Study Front-to-Back, Back-to-Front – challenge your understanding of topics and key concepts
- Save Your Place - pick up where you left off
- **Mac & PC compatible - 90 MB of free space required**

WHY it will help you.

Archiflash Desktop is a proven system for learning the concepts you're likely to encounter on the exam. The flashcard format optimizes your valuable study time by presenting the information in manageable bites, which allows you to absorb the relevant content. In addition to the detailed material, the effectiveness of Archiflash Desktop is further enhanced by the useful features we've built into the software. This dynamic and interactive study tool will dramatically increase your retention of the facts and improve your exam performance.

Archiflash is designed to be used in several ways. Study the cards front-to-back, or challenge yourself by studying back-to-front. Read the answer side first and try to determine the topic. Search for terms, or study specific Content Areas like Environmental Issues. Don't simply memorize specific questions. Shuffling the deck helps assure that you're truly understanding the information. Remember, Archiflash presents the topics you're likely to encounter on the exam. Understanding the concepts presented will help you answer any question on a particular topic. On multiple-choice cards, note the explanations for the incorrect answer choices, you'll find important information there as well.

HOW to use it.

Log in to your account at NALSA.com and on your "My Account" page, click the "Download Archiflash" image. Download and launch the software and enter your serial number (registers to one computer). When you're ready, select what you want to study and start using Archiflash immediately.

Let's talk...about how we can help you PASS THE ARE!

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SOLUTIONS BOOK

This is the essential guide to the graphic vignettes. You'll learn important strategies, time-saving techniques, and a sensible approach to solving two different problems for each of the 11 graphic vignettes.

WHAT is it?

At 240 pages the *Solutions* book covers all eleven graphic vignettes and includes:

- A comprehensive introduction to the vignette format, computer scoring, and more.
- Considerations, recommendations and strategies for each of the 11 vignettes
- Two sample problems for each of the 11 vignettes
- Annotated passing and failing solutions
- Vignette solutions are in color just like the ARE
- Dozens of frequently asked questions
- Fully annotated Directions, Program and Code highlights key issues
- Time-saving tips and tricks
- How to recognize potentially fatal errors

WHY it will help you.

This is the only reference book you'll need for the graphic vignettes. With focused clarity, *Solutions* walks you through unique examples of how to solve each of the eleven vignettes efficiently and successfully. This thorough analysis is a how-to manual for the graphic vignettes.

HOW to use it.

When *Solutions* arrives via UPS, read the introduction and the chapter for the division you want to study. Keep *Solutions* handy to help answer questions along the way.

WHEN to use it.

Read *Solutions* in conjunction with studying the NALSA Paper and Pencil Practice Vignettes and watching the Insight video. These three study tools will give you the necessary background before you attempt to solve the NCARB and NALSA practice vignettes. Refer to *Solutions* throughout your preparation for each division.

INSIGHT VIDEOS

Benefit from the expertise of ARE pioneer, Norman Dorf. Watch and learn his proven approach to solving each of the graphic vignettes of the ARE successfully.

WHAT is it?

Insight-Demystifying the Graphic Vignettes of the ARE, is a 7-hour online video series featuring Professor Norman Dorf's legendary graphics workshop. The Insight video lecture includes:

- Immediate access from your desktop, laptop and mobile devices.
- A 40 minute comprehensive Introduction to the ARE Graphic Vignettes.
- A video for each of the graphic vignettes.
- Video Vignettes: Solutions & Analysis, a 35 page reference document that contains the programmatic information and solution to the vignettes presented in the lecture.
- Sample problems solved from beginning to end
- Strategies, tips and short-cuts
- How to recognize potentially fatal errors
- Hundreds of informative images, drawings, charts, diagrams, calculations
- **View each video up to 4 times total, from 3 devices - never expires. One license per candidate.**

WHY it will help you.

Insight offers the benefits of a live lecture at your convenience. You'll learn from the expertise of an ARE pioneer and understand his proven techniques for solving the vignette successfully. Watch, listen, and learn anytime, anywhere. No travel necessary.

HOW to use it.

Log in to your account at NALSA.com and on your "My Account" page, click the "Watch Insight Videos" image. Print the Video Vignettes document to use for reference while watching the lectures. Click the link for the Introduction or watch the video for the vignette you want to study. A video player will open and you can play, pause, rewind, etc.

WHEN to use it.

Watch the videos in conjunction with reading the *Solutions* book, and prior to attempting to solve the NCARB and NALSA practice vignettes.

PRACTICE VIGNETTES

Solve an alternate problem while practicing with the same software you'll be using on test day. Proficiency with NCARB's software is paramount. You'll use the NCARB tools and base drawing to solve the NALSA practice problems.

WHAT is it?

The NALSA Practice Vignettes are alternate problems to those provided in the NCARB practice software. We have modified the NCARB Directions, Program, and Code requirements to create unique practice problems. While using the NCARB base drawing, the NALSA problem requires you to produce a different solution. Each Practice Vignette e-booklet includes:

- Introduction and directions
- One unique practice problem for each vignette in the division
- A Sample annotated passing solution to the vignette
- A Sample annotated failing solution to the vignette
- 3D model passing solution images
- Instructions for purchasing an **AREvaluation** (grading) and submitting your solution to NALSA
- **Document is to be printed. Available to view online up to six times - never expires.**

WHY it will help you.

The NALSA problems have been designed specifically to simulate what you can expect on the actual exam. Because the NALSA problems are formatted like those on the exam you'll learn to identify subtle program differences and understand the design implications. Remember, even a small change in the program can result in a radically different solution.

HOW to use it.

Log in to your account at NALSA.com and on your "My Account" page, click the "View/Print e-Booklets" image. Click the "View/Print" link to print the NALSA Practice Vignette document. Open the NCARB software and click "Practice Vignettes." Click the button for the corresponding vignette and toggle to the base drawing. Ignore the NCARB Task Information (Directions, Program, and Code) and solve the problem in the NALSA document. Time yourself. Once complete, compare your solution to the NALSA sample passing solution. Explore the images of the 3D sample passing solution to see it in a more realistic way. Check out the NALSA sample failing solution to see examples of what NOT to do. Take a screenshot of your solution to submit for an AREvaluation.

WHEN to use it.

Solve the NCARB practice problem before attempting to solve the problem in the NALSA Practice Vignette document. Upload your solution to the NCARB problem to NALSA Publishing for grading. Assess your AREvaluation. This will help you to better understand your strengths and weaknesses before you solve the NALSA practice problem.

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AREVALUATIONS

Receive personalized reviews of your solutions to the NCARB and NALSA practice vignettes. Our experts will evaluate every aspect of your solutions and provide you with valuable feedback on each program requirement.

WHAT is it?

Our exclusive AREvaluations are detailed personal reviews of your solution to the NCARB or NALSA practice vignettes. Your solution receives an overall **Passing**, **Marginal**, or **Failing** grade

- Each programmed element receives an **Acceptable**, **Intermediate**, or **Unacceptable**
- Identifies your strengths and weaknesses
- Valuable feedback helps you avoid making errors in the future
- Turn-around time is 1-2 days

WHY it will help you.

The only way to know how well your solution has addressed each program requirement is to have it properly and thoroughly graded. AREvaluations highlight exactly what you've done right and wrong. You'll learn which elements of your solution were successful and what mistakes to avoid in the future.

HOW to use it.

1. Once you have completed a solution, leave 'Sketch' elements turned on and 'Zoom' in so the solution fills the screen. Take a screen shot of your solution; PC users press the 'Print Screen' button on your keyboard, Macs users press command, shift, 4 on your keyboard.
2. Open a new Microsoft Word document (or similar) in landscape orientation. 'Paste' your solution into the new document and save it as a .pdf. For Stair Design and Building Layout solutions, paste **both floors** into the same document.
3. Log in to your account at NALSA.com and on your "My Account" page, click the AREvaluations "Upload/Download" image.
4. In the "Upload Your Solutions" column, click on the 'Upload' link for the applicable vignette (NCARB or NALSA). You'll be prompted to "Browse" your computer for the file you created. Select the file and click "Submit." The vignette will move to the "Solutions In Review" column.
5. When the AREvaluation is ready you will be notified by email and the document will be available in the "Download AREvaluations" column.

WHEN to use it.

Get an AREvaluation for your solution to an NCARB practice vignette first, before attempting to solve a NALSA practice vignette. This way, you can apply what you've learned from the NCARB AREvaluation when you solve the NALSA problem. When you've completed the NALSA practice vignette, upload your solution for a NALSA AREvaluation.

PAPER & PENCIL

Working with these practice problems will help strengthen your ability to read and analyze the program, improve your understanding of the passing solutions, and much more.

WHAT is it?

The NALSA Paper & Pencil Practice Vignette document contains two unique sample problems for each vignette. The Paper & Pencil Practice Vignette e-booklet includes:

- Introduction and directions
- Two unique practice problems for each vignette
- Sample annotated passing solutions
- **Document is to be printed. Available to view online up to six times - never expires.**

WHY it will help you.

You'll learn how to address common program issues in the context of these unique problems. Compare the Directions, Program and Code to the corresponding sample passing solutions to see how these problems can be solved successfully.

HOW to use it.

Log in to your account at NALSA.com and on your "My Account" page, click the "View/Print e-Booklets" image. Click the "View/Print" link to print the NALSA Paper & Pencil Practice Vignette document. You can solve these vignettes manually or simply study how each of the sample passing solutions address the program information.

WHEN to use it.

Study the NALSA Paper & Pencil Practice Vignettes in conjunction with reading the *Solutions* book and watching the Insight Videos. This will give you a better understanding of the vignette before you attempt to solve the NCARB practice problem.

EVALUATOR WORKBOOKS

Become the grader by analyzing different solutions to the NCARB practice vignettes. Train your eye to identify common errors and successful design decisions. On exam day, you'll be able to assess your solutions quickly and accurately.

WHAT is it?

You become the grader by analyzing 6 different solutions to the NCARB practice vignettes. Evaluate each solution as **Passing**, **Marginal** or **Failing**. The Evaluator Workbook e-booklet includes:

- Introduction and directions
- Annotated NCARB Directions, Program and Code which helps clarify key issues
- Six different sample solutions to the NCARB practice vignettes
- A Solution Evaluation Form on which to record errors in each solution
- Solution Evaluation Answer Key
- Sample annotated passing solution
- 3D model images of the passing solution
- Document is to be printed. Available to view online up to six times - never expires.

WHY it will help you.

The Evaluator Workbook helps you understand the 'How and Why' of solving the NCARB practice vignettes successfully. You'll learn why certain design decisions are successful and how to quickly identify errors. Exploring the images of the 3D sample passing solution helps you see the result of design decisions in a more realistic way.

HOW to use it.

Log in to your account at NALSA.com and on your "My Account" page click the "View/Print e-booklets" image. Click the "View/Print" link to print the document. Read the annotated NCARB Directions, Program and Code. Using the form provided, list as many errors as possible for each solution and mark the solutions as **Passing**, **Marginal** or **Failing**. Compare your list to the NALSA answer key.

WHEN to use it.

After you have read the *Solutions* book, watched the Insight Videos, and received AREvaluations for both the NCARB and NALSA Practice Vignettes, you'll be ready to test your knowledge with The Evaluator Workbook.