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# NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM JANUARY 2022

**RIBA continues to offer a variety of educational offerings for Members & Employees! Also, all RI Residential Contractors are eligible to take the classes noted below for FREE subject to enrollment in the Contractor Development Program.\***

**January 5 | 8am-10:30am**

## **Advanced Hardwood Flooring**

**2 ½ credit hours - taught by Ryan Baker**

This class will discuss how to utilize advancements in hardwood flooring and related products to increase both profitability and customer satisfaction.

**January 6 | 8am-10:30am**

## **Start & Grow Your Construction Business**

**2 ½ credit hours - taught by David Lucier**

If you are looking to start your own business or perhaps re-start your business after the crisis, this class will cover all aspects of successful business ownership. This class is a must for those who do not have a lot of business experience.

**January 7 | 8am-9:00am**

## **Frost-Protected Shallow Foundations**

**1 credit hour - taught by Mike Guertin**

FPSFs are a code-permitted way to design and build a foundations that are only 12 inches below grade. FPSFs are more cost-effective than conventional frost-depth foundations, and can be used on challenging lots or where regular basement foundations aren't practical and for walk-out basements. They can also be used in combination with regular foundations aren't practical or for walk-out basements. Examine the thermal principles and learn how to design and install a FPSF.

**January 12 | 8am-10:30am**

## **Social Media and Digital Marketing**

**2 ½ credit hours - taught by David Englund**

This course will provide guidance on how to use social media platforms to grow your construction business.

**January 14 | 8am-10:30am**

## **Wall Coverings and Sheathing**

**2 ½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier**

The class covers Chapter 7 of the Rhode Island One and Two Family Dwelling Code with an up-close look into the codes that cover wall coverings and sheathing.

**January 18 | 8am-10:30am**

## **Blower Door and Air Leakage Testing**

**2 ½ credit hours - taught by Jeremy Dagold**

Rhode Island's building code requires all new homes be tested for air leakage (blower door test). Learn when the test can be done, how it's done, how to prepare for it, and what the test result means. See where your time is best spent air sealing a house during construction; and the best sealing approach for each location.

**January 19 | 8am-10:30am**

## **Residential Estimating**

**2 ½ credit hours - taught by Carlos Lora**

This course covers basic construction math and how it is used to estimate the labor and material costs of a residential construction project. Knowledge of blueprint reading is advised.

**January 21 | 8am-10:30am**

## **Foundations and Floor Codes**

**2 ½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier**

A detailed look into Chapters 4 and 5 of the Rhode Island One and Two Family Dwelling Code for foundations and floor construction.

**January 24 | 8am-10:30am**

## **Site-Built Under deck drainage System and Manufactured System Overview**

**2½ credit hours - taught by Mike Guertin**

EPDM membrane is a cost-effective alternative to proprietary systems to drain water under the decking and provide a dry space beneath the deck. Learn how to lay out a pattern to cut successive sheets of EPDM from, install the sheets to create sloping swales between the deck joists, and how to tie the membrane into the wall of the house and the gutter.

**January 25 | 8am-10:30am**

## **Windows and Doors**

**2½ credit hours - taught by Don Hamel**

The course will teach the basic design of residential window and door installations.

**January 27 | 8am-12pm**

## **Lead RRP Refresher**

**4 credit hours- taught by Scott Asprey**

This 4-hour class is a refresher course for contractors who have their lead renovator/remodeler certification, and it is coming up for renewal. We will be reviewing lead hazard controls and updating attendees with any changes to regulations.

**January 28 | 8am-10:30am**

## **New Home Construction Process**

**No credit hours - taught by Elise Geddes**

Steps you will need to keep in mind before you build a new home for spec or for contract.



\*The Contractor Development Program is sponsored by Real Jobs, DLT and the Residential Workforce Partnership.

**All classes will be taught via ZOOM unless otherwise indicated.**

**Contact Betty Bernal for course offerings taught in Spanish at 401-500-9146.**

All classes are approved by the RICRLB for continuing education credits, unless otherwise indicated.

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