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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MARCH 2023

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.*

March 1 | 8am-10:30am

Accounting and Cash Flow

2 ½ credit hours – taught by David Lucier

This course helps a contractor understand the basics of accounting and how to manage cash flow.

March 2 | 8am-10:30am

Residential Blueprint Reading

2 ½ credit hour – taught by Luis Rivera

Join us and get an introduction to residential blueprint reading, construction documents/calculations, and project specifications. Learn to read the legend, details, specifications, effectively use a scale ruler and find the different trade sections of blueprints and drawings.

March 3 | 8am-10:00am

Outdoor Design Trends in New Construction

No RI credit hours – taught by

Marc Petrowicz

This course provides guidance about the ways you can use social media platforms to grow your construction business.

March 6 | 8am-10:30am

Hardwood Flooring

2 ½ credit hours – taught by

Ryan Baker (IN PERSON)

This class will discuss the different materials used for flooring, which are best used in various situations (traditional raw wood installation versus prefinished hardwood), and a discussion of finish system options for site finish compared to prefinished based on recent product advancements.

March 8 | 8am-10:30pm

Residential Energy Code Update

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Jon Erickson

This course will identify and help to understand the changes between old and new IECC requirements along with how these changes will impact details, material selection and current construction practices. Emphases on how performance testing is increasing, and that mechanical ventilation is required. We will focus on Rhode Island energy code updates that pertain to the building enclosure in residential remodel/renovation and new construction projects.

March 9 | 8am-10am

Get Better at Using Excel in your Business

No RI credit hours- taught by Kamil Sarji

There are many great computer tools that help us succeed in a business. One of the most common, but often underutilized of those tools is Excel. Come learn some of the tricks and best practices using excel for your business.

March 10 | 8am-10:30am

Building Planning

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier

This class covers Chapter 3 of the Rhode Island One and Two Family Dwelling Code including design criteria and minimum fire separation for townhouses and one and two family dwellings.

March 15 | 8am-10:30am

Using Photography & Video for your Construction Business

2 1/2 credit hours – taught by Bill Parmentier

Learn to use photography and video to enhance and grow your construction business.

March 17 | 8am-10:30am

Kitchen Design and Installation

2½ credit hours – taught by Jason Oliveira

This course covers the basics of designing a well-planned kitchen and how to install cabinetry, including the design process; material choices for cabinets and counters; utility and appliance placement; traffic flow and storage. Best practice installation tips and tricks will also be covered.

March 20 | 8am-10am

Getting the Most out of a Tradeshow or Expo

No RI credit hours- taught by Bob Salvas

Displaying your business at a tradeshow or expo takes an investment of both time and money. Are you getting the most out of that investment? Learn the tips and tricks and best practices to get the most out of this experience.

March 27 | 8am-10:30am

Sizing and Placing Concrete Deck Footings and Post Connections

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Mike Guertin

Concrete deck footings are an industry mainstay but are often miss-sized. Learn two methods to right-size footings to support a deck; determine the soil bearing capacity; and the best practice footing forming and pouring tips to ensure stability.

March 28 | 8am-10am

Working with Industry Resources

No credit hours for this class – taught by

Mike McDole

Independent lumberyards support contractors in many ways. This class gives you a chance to learn about those available resources, including material costing, design services, new product info, manufacturer relationships and more.

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

Contact Margarita Robledo for course offerings taught in Spanish at 401-374-1044.

All classes will be taught via ZOOM unless otherwise indicated

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

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