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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

JUNE 2025

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.*

June 2 | 8am-10:30am

Sizing and Installing Deck Joists and Beams

2 ½ credit hours — taught by Mike Guertin

Learn how to use the new 2024 building code joist and beam tables and other resources to size and select the right joists and beam for a deck design. And learn required joist and beam fastening, blocking and hardware installation practices.

June 4 | 8am-10:30am

Introduction to the Design-Build Process

2 ½ credit hours — taught by Joe Cracco

In this 2.5-hour intro class, presenter Joe Cracco will describe what the Design-Build Process is, discuss its many benefits as well as who's involved and what they do. The course concludes with an overview of the 4 steps in the process. This course is a prerequisite for the 5-hour Advanced Design-Build class in which will go into the 4 steps in significant detail.

June 6 | 8am-11am

Comprehensive Energy Code Update

2 ½ credit hours — taught by Larry Desormier

Attention: Builders, Remodelers and Building Officials! The 2024 Energy Code is now in effect. Learn what you need to know about changes to the Code and learn options on how to be compliant. This class is an NAHB training module (#1) in partnership with RIBA. There will be a ½ hour Q & A following the class.

June 9 | 8am-10:30am

Framing the Future with SIPS

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Frank DiMauro (IN PERSON)

If you have not heard of or not using SIPS (Structural Insulated Panels), you should attend this class. It is a growing trend, and many feel it is the future of framing for both residential and commercial structures. SIPS can also be an easy way to help you to meet the new 2024 energy code requirements.

June 10 | 8am-10am

Get Better at Using Excel in your Business

No RI credit hours- taught by Kamil Sarji

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

June 10 | 3:30pm-6pm

Roof Assemblies

2 ½ credit hours — taught by Larry Desormier (IN PERSON)

This class will cover how the codes in Chapter 15 apply to roof assemblies.

June 11 & 12 | 8am-3pm (both days)

OSHA 10 Training

No RI credit hours; OSHA 10 card is issued. (IN PERSON) Taught by Scott Asprey

Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Outreach Training Program's 10-hour safety course covers general safety and health hazards for entry-level workers.

June 13 | 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.

June 17 | 3:30pm-6pm

Air Sealing Methods for the Energy Code

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Joe Cracco

Attention: Builders, Remodelers and Building Officials!

This class addresses air sealing methods for the 2024 Energy Code. It will provide an overview of air sealing methodologies and techniques to comply with the 2024 IECC air leakage requirements including both the prescriptive requirements and air leakage testing. This class is an NAHB training module (#2) in partnership with RIBA. There will be a ½ hour Q & A following the class.

June 18 | 8am-10:30am

Accounting and Cash Flow

2½ credit hours — taught by David Lucier

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

June 18 | 8am-11am

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June 20 | 8am-11am

Existing Buildings with the New Energy Code

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Larry Desormier (IN PERSON)

Does your business focus on remodeling and additions? If you do, you will want to take this class to learn how the NEW energy code will affect that part of your business. This class is an NAHB training module (#3) in partnership with RIBA. There will be a ½ hour Q & A following the class.

June 24 | 8am-10:30am

Residential Blueprint Reading

2 ½ credit hours — taught by Luis Rivera

This is an intro 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.

June 24 | 3:30pm-6pm

Building Planning

2 ½ credit hours — taught by Larry Desormier (IN PERSON)

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.

June 25 | 8am-1pm

Advanced Design-Build Process

5 credit hours — taught by Joe Cracco (IN PERSON)

The presenter Joe Cracco will describe what the Design-Build Process is, discuss its many benefits as well as who's involved and what they do. The course concludes with an in-depth look at the 4 steps in the process. Attendees should have already taken the 2 ½ hour Introduction to the Design-Build Process.

June 26 | 9am-11:30am

Understanding QuickBooks Online

2 ½ credit hours — taught by Jason Khoury

After taking this course you'll better understand 'QuickBooks Online' and walk away with some tips on good bookkeeping practices.

June 27 | 8am-10:30am

Wall Coverings and Sheathing

2 ½ credit hours — taught by Larry Desormier

(IN PERSON)

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

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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To register or for more information, contact Bob Salvias via email at:

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