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# NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

## JULY 2025

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

### **July 1 | 3:30pm-6:30pm**

#### **Existing Buildings with the New Energy Code** **2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier**

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.

### **July 2 | 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 it's 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.

### **July 3 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **RI General Law for One and Two Family Building Codes** **½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier**

This class will cover how codes are adopted in the state of Rhode Island and general laws that apply to building codes

### **July 7 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Using Photography & Video for your Construction Business**

#### **2 ½ credit hours – taught by Bill Parmentier**

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

### **July 8 | 3:30pm-6pm**

#### **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.

### **July 11 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Networking to Grow Your Business**

#### **No credit hours for this class – taught by Bob Salvas**

Many people try networking to grow their business, but they often do it wrong. Find out the best ways to network.

### **July 11 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Air Sealing Methods for the Energy Code**

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

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.

### **July 15 | 8am-10:30am**

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

#### **2 ½ credit hours – taught by David Lucier**

If you are looking to start or re-start your business, this class is for you. It covers all aspects of successful business ownership.

### **July 15 | 3:30pm-6:30pm**

#### **Comprehensive Energy Code Update**

#### **2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier (IN PERSON)**

Attention: Builders, Remodelers and Building Officials! The 2024 Energy Code went into effect on November 14th. 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.

### **July 17 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Contract Law**

#### **2 ½ credit hours – taught by Marisa Desautel ESQ**

This course is designed to provide fundamental and advanced understanding of contract law in RI.

### **July 18 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Residential Estimating**

#### **2 ½ credit hours – taught by Luis Rivera**

This course covers basic construction math and how it is used to estimate the labor and material costs of a residential construction project. (Note: this is a beginner level class; a more advanced class will be held on August 1)

### **July 18 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Existing Buildings with the New Energy Code**

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

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### **July 22 | 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.

### **July 22 | 3:30pm-6pm**

#### **Roof Assemblies**

#### **2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier**

This class will cover how the codes in Chapters 8 and 9 apply to roof assemblies.

### **July 23 | 8am-10:30am**

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### **July 25 | 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.

### **July 28 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Deck Ledgers: Conventional and Challenging Installation Details**

#### **2 ½ credit hours – taught by Mike Guertin**

Ledger failures are the primary cause of deck collapses. Learn the options for fastening a ledger according to code and proprietary fasteners. And find out how to attach ledgers to homes clad with brick, stone, concrete and other challenging situations.

### **July 29 | 3:30pm-6pm**

#### **Air Sealing Methods for the Energy Code**

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

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### **July 30 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Low-Cost Marketing Tips for Contractors**

#### **no RI credit hours – taught by Betty Galligan**

Learn the Top 10 most effective, low- or no-cost, practical, and results-oriented ways to spread the word about your services, reinforce your brand, and attract customers

### **July 31 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Coastal Resources Management Council 101**

#### **2 ½ credit hours- taught by Jeff Willis**

What are the issues that you as an applicant's contractor need to know about dealing with CRMC? We will discuss the most common regulatory issues facing construction projects; submitting a complete application; estimating application fees based on Project Costs; and, building a relationship with the Admin staff.

### **July 31 | 3:30pm-6:30pm**

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**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.**



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

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

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