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# NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

## AUGUST 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.\***

### **August 1 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Residential Estimating Advanced**

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

This course picks up from where the intro to estimating left off. More advanced construction math and examples will be given for determining the costs of a residential construction project.

### **August 5 | 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.

### **August 5 | 3:30pm-6pm**

#### **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 at the codes that cover wall coverings and sheathing.

### **August 6 | 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.

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

#### **Marketing Your Business**

**2 ½ credit hours – taught by Bob Salvas**

This course is designed to help you understand marketing and branding for your construction business.

### **August 12 | 3:30pm-6:30pm**

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

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

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.

### **August 13 | 9am-11:30am**

#### **2024 IECC HVAC, Plumbing, and Lighting**

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

This module covers the code requirements for HVAC systems, service water heating, and lighting for the 2024 IECC along with installation best practices. Module will dive into how R408 compliments the mandatory requirements of the prescriptive pathway with example solutions for code compliance in both all electric and mixed fuel houses.

### **August 13 | noon-2:30pm**

#### **2024 IECC Modeled Pathways Module**

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

This module covers compliance with the 2024 IECC through the two modeled compliance pathways, R405 Simulated Building Performance and R406 Energy Rating Index. Key learning objectives include the differences between compliance pathways, the process for energy modeling, and potential tradeoffs. Modeled examples in Climate Zone 5 will be presented.

### **August 14 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **How to Use AI to Power Your Marketing**

**No RI credit hours – taught by Betty Galligan**

In this class, you'll learn how to harness the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to streamline and enhance your marketing strategies to drive growth. From lead generation and data analysis to email, social media and website content, this session will cover some of the free tools and tactics builders and construction pros can use to stay ahead in an increasingly digital world. Leave with practical skills you can apply immediately to your business.

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

#### **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.

### **August 20 | 8am-10am**

#### **HR Law Class for Small Business**

**No RI credits for this class – taught by Gary Convertino**

This class focuses on employment law and how that impacts employee/employer relations in the workplace. Additional information will be provided about the changes to the RI 1099 independent contractor laws.

### **August 20 | 3:30pm-6pm**

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

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

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.

### **August 21 | 8am-10:00am**

#### **Managing Stormwater With Permeable Pavers**

**No RI credit hours – taught by Daniel Neviackas**

Water issues on your developments? In this class we look at stormwater and impervious coverage solutions with permeable interlocking concrete pavers.

### **August 22 | 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.

### **August 25 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Deck Ledger Flashing and Lateral Load Connections**

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

See how to flash a ledger that meets new code requirements and an above code system that prevents water from leaking into the wall above and below a deck. Learn options to resist lateral loads that satisfy the building code.

### **August 27 | 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.

### **August 27 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Painting 101**

**2 ½ credit hours – taught by Ben LeBlanc**

This class covers best practices for indoor and outdoor painting including techniques and spraying.

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

#### **Home Modifications for the Aging Population**

**2 ½ credit hours – taught by Linda Bohmbach**

Learn about the many modifications- big and small - that can be made to enable the aging population to stay in their homes. These modifications and more will be addressed in this class.

### **August 29 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **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.

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

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

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

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