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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 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.

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 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

Residential Estimating

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Luis Rivera
This course covers the 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 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

2024 IECC HVAC, Plumbing, and Lighting

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier
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

July 18 | 10:45am-1:15pm

2024 IECC Modeled Pathways Module

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier
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.

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.

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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

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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: bsalvas@ribuilders.org or by calling the RI Builders Association at 401-438-7400

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