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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 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.*

September 3 | 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.

September 5 | 8am-10:30am

Windows and Doors

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Don Hamel (IN PERSON)

This informative course will teach the basic design of residential window and door installations.

September 5 | 8am-10:30am

Building Inspector Skills

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier

This class covers the communications skills needed for building inspectors. Problem-solving and the RI code amendments will be discussed.

September 9 | 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.

September 9 | 8am-10:30am

2024 IECC HVAC, Plumbing & 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.

September 9 | 11am-1:30pm

2024 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 the compliance pathways, the process for energy modeling and potential tradeoffs. Modeled examples in Climate Zone 5 will be presented.

September 10 | 8am-10:30am

Social Media and AI for Contractors

2 ½ credit hours- taught by David Englund,

This course on social media and basic AI provides guidance about the ways you can use both social media platforms and the new frontier of AI to grow your construction business, (this is for both beginners and intermediate students)

September 11 | 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.

September 12 | 8am-11am

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.

September 16 | 3:30pm-6pm

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.

September 16 & 17 | 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.

September 18 | 8am-10am

New Home Construction Process

No credit hours for this class - taught by Elise Geddes

Learn steps you will need to keep in mind before you build a new home for spec or for contract.

September 19 | 8am-10:30am

RI General Law for One and Two Family Building Codes

2 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

September 22 | 8am-10:30am

Deck Stair Codes and Building Details

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Mike Guertin

Over a dozen code sections impact deck stair design and construction. Learn the requirements from footings, landings, stringer spans and attachment to guards, handrails and hazardous glazing zones.

September 23 | 8am-10:30am

Siding 101 Specifics

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Chris Boilard (IN-PERSON)

Join us for a hands-on training session on siding. Learn proper installation techniques and best practices - all from the convenience of a state-of-the-art mobile training unit.

September 24 | 3:30pm-6pm

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.

September 25 | 8am-4:30pm

THE RIBA MARKETING SUMMIT FOR CONTRACTORS

2 ½ credit hours (IN PERSON)

A full day of marketing advice from several of the best local small business marketing advisors. Lunch will be provided by RIBA. Special bonuses too! A full day DESIGNED to help you grow your business!

September 26 | 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.

September 26 | 8am-10:30am

Foundations and Floor Codes

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

A detailed look into Chapters 4 and 5 of the Rhode Island One and Two Family Dwelling Code for foundations and floor construction.

September 30 | 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.

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 Salvas via email at:

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