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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM NOVEMBER 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.*

November 4 | 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.

November 5 | 8am-10am

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.

November 6 | 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.

November 7 | 8am-11am

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.

November 10 | 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.

November 13 | 8am-10:30am

Jobsite Environmental Hazards
2 ½ credit hours - taught by Chris Sanford (IN PERSON)
Participants will be able to apply the knowledge learned in this course to help be aware of job site environmental hazards in order to ensure the protection of their personal health and that of their clients. This course will discuss how to address mold, asbestos, lead and other environmental issues that you may encounter.

November 13 | 8am-10:30am
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.

November 14 | 8am-10:30am

2021 Residential Building Code Change Update
2 ½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier (IN PERSON)
This class will demonstrate the changes happening when Rhode Island moves from the 2018 code to the ICC 2021 Building Code in the upcoming code cycle change. The material will include the updates to the residential building code and what RI Amendments have been added, amended, or deleted. The class will cover all trades, and all contractors are encouraged to attend.

November 17 | 8am-10:30am
Advanced Framing

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Mike Guertin
Learn how code approved floor, wall and roof framing details reduce materials and improve energy efficiency without reducing strength. See how to build box headers, frame wall intersections and corners with less lumber, and ways to design rafters and trusses for full-depth insulation.

November 19 | 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.

November 20 | 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.
(Note: this is a basic level class; a more advanced class will be held on December 11th)

November 21 | 8am-10:30am

Kitchen Design and Installation
2 ½ credit hours - taught by Jason Oliveira
This course covers the basics of designing a well-planned kitchen and how to install cabinetry, including the design process, material choices for cabinets and counters, utility and appliance placement, traffic flow and storage.

November 21 | 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.

November 21 | 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.

November 25 | 8am-10:30am

2021 Residential Building Code Change Update
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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

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