



# RIBA EDUCATION BENEFITS

## FEBRUARY 2026

**RIBA continues to offer a variety of educational offerings for Members & Employees! From safety, lead, codes, estimating and professional development, to a lot more, the education benefit is no cost to you and all your employees. An amazing and very popular benefit - call / email to register**

### **February 5 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Residential Estimating**

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

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 February 26)

### **February 6 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Updates to the RI Residential Building Code**

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

Attention Builders and Remodelers! The State of Rhode Island adopted the new Building Codes on December 1, 2025. This class will explain the changes happening when Rhode Island moves from the present 2021 RI Residential Building Code (SBC-2021) to the new 2025 RI Residential Building Code (SBC-2025). The material will include the updates to the residential building code and what RI Amendments have been added, amended or deleted.

### **February 9 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Wall Construction in the Building Code**

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

The class covers Chapter 6 of the RI One and Two Family Dwelling Code regarding the design and construction of wood, cold-formed steel, masonry, concrete and structural insulated panel (SIP) walls, and covers code changes pertaining to the new wind charts. Chapter 6 also regulates exterior windows and doors installed in walls.

### **February 11 | 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.

### **February 11 | 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.

### **February 12 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Understanding the RI Contractors Registration and Licensing Law and Rules**

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

Have you read the CRLB law and rules lately? Are you aware of all the changes over the past several years? Learn how to avoid \$20,000 or more in paperwork fines. And discover dozens of rules and regulations you're probably unaware of - yet are required to follow as a registered contractor.

### **February 13 | 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.

### **February 18 | 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.

### **February 19 | 8am-10:30am**

#### **Accounting and Cash Flow**

**2½ credit hours – taught by David Lucier**

This course helps a contractor understand the basics of accounting and how to manage cash flow.

### **February 20 | 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 last year. 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.

### **February 24 | 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.

### **February 25 | 8am-10am**

#### **Getting the Most out of a Tradeshow or Expo**

**no RI credit hours- taught by Bob Salvas**

Displaying your business at a tradeshow or expo takes an investment of both time and money. Are you getting the most out of that investment? Learn the tips and tricks and best practices to get the most out of this experience.

### **February 26 | 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.

### **February 26 | 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.

### **February 27 | 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.

**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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