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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

APRIL 2026

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.*

April 2 | 8am-10:30am

Advanced Residential Blueprint Reading

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Luis Rivera

This is an advanced class on residential blueprint reading, construction documents/ calculations, and project specifications.

April 2 | 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.

April 3 | 8am-10:30am

Updates to the RI Residential Building Code

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Luis Rivera

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.

April 7 | 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.

April 8 | 8am-10am

Taking Better Construction Photos With Your Cell Phone

no RI credit hours- taught by Bill Parmentier

The building industry is a very visual industry and having quality pictures of your work is a key to getting more business. Join professional photographer Bill Parmentier as he discusses how to do a better job of this using your current cell phone.

April 9 | 8am-10:30am

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.

April 13 | 8am-10:30am

Sizing and Installing Deck Joists and Beams

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Mike Guertin

What size joists do you need to span from ledger to beam and how far can the overhang be? What size deck beam do you need to span between posts? Learn how to use the new building code joist and beam tables and other resources to size and select the right joists and beam for a deck design. And learn required joist and beam fastening, blocking and hardware installation practices.

April 16 | 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.

April 17 | 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.

April 21 | 8am-10:30am

Effective Communication in Code Enforcement

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier

Strong communication is key to successful code enforcement and compliance. This class helps building inspectors strengthen their communication and problem-solving skills while reviewing important Rhode Island code amendments. Contractors will also gain insight into working effectively with building officials to resolve issues and keep projects on track. (this class is also called Building Inspector Skills).

April 23 | 8am-10:30am

2024 IECC HVAC, Plumbing & 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.

April 23 | 11am-1:30pm

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

April 24 | 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.

April 28 | 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.

April 29 | 8am-10:30am

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.

April 30 | 8am-10:30am

Residential Estimating

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Luis 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 May 14)

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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