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# NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

## JUNE 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.\***

**June 2 | 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.

**June 3 & 4 | 8am-3pm (both days)**

**OSHA 10 Training**

**No RI credit hours; OSHA 10 card is issued. Taught by Scott Asprey (IN PERSON)**

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.

**June 4 | 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).

**June 11 | 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 July 9th)

**June 12 | 8am-10:30am**

**Contract Law**

**2 ½ credit hours – taught by Merrill Friedemann ESQ**

This course is designed to provide fundamental and advanced understanding of contract law in RI.

**June 17 | 8am-10:00am**

**Managing Stormwater With Permeable Pavers**

**no RI credit hours- taught by Daniel Neviackas**

Water issues on your developments? In this class we look at stormwater and impervious coverage solutions with permeable interlocking concrete pavers.

**June 18 | 8am-10:30am**

**Accounting and Cash Flow**

**½ credit hours – taught by David Lucier**

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

**June 18 | 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.

**June 23 | 8am-10am**

**Hiring Subcontractors- Dos and Don'ts**

**no RI credit hours- taught by Andro Hannoush and Gary Convertino**

Hiring independent contractors is a big part of the construction industry but the misclassification of employees as independent contractors is a serious issue that the State of RI has made a priority to address. Recent legislation imposes significant penalties, including criminal penalties, on construction-industry employers who misclassify employees. This class will go into detail on what to do to avoid these issues.

**June 24 | 8am-10:30am**

**Updates to the RI Residential Building Code PART 1**

**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 with Rhode Island moving from 2021 RI Residential Building Code (SBC-2021) to the new 2025 RI Residential Building Code (SBC-2025). This session will cover Chapters 1-11).

**June 25 | 8am-10am**

**Using AI in Construction**

**no RI credit hours- taught by Bill Parmentier**

AI is changing every day and affecting many industries. But what are the best AI programs to help the construction industry? Attend this class to get the most up-to-date information.

**June 26 | 8am-10:30am**

**Updates to the RI Residential Building Code PART 2**

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

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**June 29 | 8am-10:30am**

**Deck Ledger Flashing and Lateral Load Connections**

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

One of the leading contributors to deck collapses is decay of the house rim joist due to poorly detailed or damaged deck ledger flashing. See how to flash a ledger that meets new code requirements and an above-code system that prevents water from leaking into the wall above and below a deck. And learn options to resist lateral loads that satisfy the building code requirements.

**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](mailto:bsalvas@ribuilders.org) or by calling the RI Builders Association at 401-438-7400

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