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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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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.*

July 1 | 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 (which will be offered in October) that will go into the 4 steps in significant detail.

July 7 | 8am-10:30am

Marketing Your Business

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Bob Salvas

This course is designed to help you understand marketing and branding for your construction business.

July 8 | 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 RI and general laws that apply to building codes.

July 9 | 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.

July 10 | 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.

July 14 | 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.

July 15 | 8am-11am

Comprehensive Energy Code Update

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier

Participants Attention: Builders, Remodelers and Building Officials! The 2024 Energy Code is in effect. 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.

July 16 | 8am-10:30am

Intro to Insulated Concrete Forms (ICFs)

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Ken Lynch (IN PERSON)

This program is designed to give participants an overview of the features, benefits, and advantages of Insulated Concrete Forms as an alternative for a building envelope.

July 17 | 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.

July 21 | 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.

July 23 | 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.

July 24 | 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.

July 27 | 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 stringer attachment to the deck frame, to guards, handrails and the impact of hazardous glazing zones.

July 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 August 6)

July 31 | 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.

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:
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