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NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 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.*

September 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 in which will go into the 4 steps in significant detail. (Note: this is the intro class; the advanced class will be held on October 14th)

September 2 | 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.

September 8 & 9 | 8am-3pm (both days)

OSHA 10 Training

OSHA 10 card is issued. (IN PERSON) Taught by Scott Asprey

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.

September 10 | 8am-10:30am

Air Sealing Methods for the Energy Code

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Larry Desormier

Attention: Builders, Remodelers and Building Officials! This class addresses air sealing methods for the 2024 Energy Code. It will provide an overview of air sealing methodologies and techniques to comply with the 2024 IECC air leakage requirements including both the prescriptive requirements and air leakage testing. This class is an NAHB training module (#2) in partnership with RIBA.

September 11 | 8am-10:30am

Building Planning

2½ 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.

September 17 | 8am-10:30am

Framing the Future with SIPS

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Frank DiMauro (IN PERSON)

If you have not heard of or not using SIPS (Structural Insulated Panels), you should attend this class. It is a growing trend, and many feel it is the future of framing for both residential and commercial structures. SIPS can also be an easy way to help you to meet the new 2024 energy code requirements.

September 18 | 8am-10am

HR Law Class for Small Business

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.

September 21 | 8am-10:30am

Advanced Framing

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Mike Guertin

Advanced wall framing practices were developed by NAHB and HUD in the early 70's to reduce material and labor costs without reducing wall strength. Now Advanced Framing techniques embrace floor, wall and roof framing practices, and are promoted to improve energy efficiency. Learn how the principles of Advanced Framing boil down to simple field-applied details that are easy to incorporate and code compliant.

September 23 | 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.

September 24 | 8am-10:30am

Updates to the RI Residential Building Code PART 1

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier

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).

September 24 | 11am-1:30pm

Updates to the RI Residential Building Code PART 2

2 ½ credit hours – taught by Larry Desormier

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 12-Appendices).

September 25 | 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 October 2nd)

September 30 | 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.

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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