

NEW TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

OCTOBER 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.*

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.



October 1 | 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.

October 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.

October 7 | 8am-10:30am EWP Flooring Systems

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Bill Walker

This course will teach the design and framing of residential flooring systems using engineered wood products (EWP).

October 8 | 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.

Oct 14| 8am-1:30pm 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. Note: due to the length of this class, students are allowed to bring snacks or lunch if they choose to.

October 15 | 8am-10:30am Mold Awareness Training

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Chris Sanford (IN PERSON)

Learn the basics of mold: how to prevent it from growing in your construction project and how to deal with it if it does.

October 16 | 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.

October 20 | 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.

October 22 | 8am-10:30am Social Media and AI for Contractors

2 ½ credit hours- taught by David Englund

This course on social media and basic AI provides guidance about the ways you can use both social media platforms and the new frontier of AI to grow your construction business, (this is for both beginners and intermediate students)

October 23 | 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.

October 26 | 8am-10:30am Blower Door and Air Leakage Testing

2 ½ credit hours- taught by Mike Guertin

RI's building code requires all new homes to be tested for air leakage (blower door test). Learn when the test can be done, how it's done, and what the test result means. Find out how to prepare for a blower door test to achieve the best results. See where your time is best spent air sealing a house during construction; and effective approaches to seal each location.

October 28 | 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).

October 28 | 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).

October 29 | 8am-10:30am Getting to Know Your RI Code Book

2 ½ credit hours - taught by Larry Desormier

This course will provide an understanding of RI's building codes and will demonstrate how to navigate the current IRC code book and RI Amendments. The instructor will indicate how to identify the correct code in a given situation and will provide an understanding of code structure. The building code contains multiple different tables, and this course will give examples of how to use them.

October 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 November 6)

*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 or by calling the RI Builders Association at 401-438-7400