



Residential Inspection for Real Estate Agents

Syllabus

Course Hours: 30

Instructional Mode: Distance Education

Textbooks / Learning Resources

Residential Inspection for Real Estate Agents,
online text

Course Description

This course is unique in that it presents the residential inspection process from the “outside looking in” rather than just the nuts and bolts of building construction. It covers the inspection process from start to finish. Residential inspection is becoming an integral part of the real estate transaction, and its value will increase in the future. As a real estate agent, it is important for you to understand the residential home inspection process in order to assist your clients in making good decisions about the home they are selling or the home they are trying to buy.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you will be able to:

1. Identify aspects of getting started as a home inspector, including elements of the home inspection process.
2. Characterize elements of a home's exterior.
3. Recognize factors that affect foundations, identify types of foundations, and recall reportable deficiencies for foundations.
4. Name components used to frame houses and types of framing construction.
5. Identify components of roofs and recall conditions to look for when inspecting roofs and attics.
6. Recall elements of energy, heat, and home insulation systems.
7. Differentiate between the aseptic and septic systems, and identify other aspects of the plumbing system of a home.
8. Specify characteristics and deficiencies of the electrical system.
9. Name characteristics and deficiencies of heating systems.
10. Recognize aspects of air conditioning systems and deficiencies of the different types of air conditioning systems.
11. Indicate requirements for interior components and recognize deficiencies of each component.
12. Recall appliances that may or may not be included in a home inspection and common deficiencies for each.
13. Identify components in a garage or carport, as well as techniques for inspecting these and other interior components.
14. Specify elements and safety measures for pools, spas and hot tubs, and saunas and deficiencies for these elements.
15. Recognize signs of pest and animal infestations, biological contaminants, and environmental hazards in a house.
16. Determine appropriate home inspector conduct and designate items to include in and omit from an inspection report or inspection agreement.

Contact Information

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Grading/Evaluation Policy

Performance is measured by successful completion of online lesson quizzes, unit exams, and the final exam. To successfully complete this course, students must complete: 16 units including all reading and exercises and successfully pass 16 Unit Exams, 10 Case Studies, and a Final Exam. A minimum passing score of 100% is required on all unit exams and case studies. Assignments with scores below the required minimum must be retaken until the score meets or exceeds the requirement. If you do not pass the final exam with a 70% or better, you are allowed to retake it.

Course Outline and Grading Criteria

Unit Title	Minutes	Assignment Title	Points Possible	Required to Pass
1: Home Inspection: Getting Started	85	Unit Exam	15	15
2: The Exterior	125	Case Study Unit Exam	10 20	10 20
3: Foundations	105	Case Study Unit Exam	10 15	10 15
4: Structure	115	Unit Exam	12	12
5: Roofs and Attics	115	Case Study Unit Exam	10 12	10 12
6: Insulation	70	Unit Exam	12	12
7: Plumbing System	100	Case Study Unit Exam	10 12	10 12
8: Electrical System	110	Case Study Unit Exam	10 12	10 12
9: Heating System	115	Case Study Unit Exam	10 12	10 12
10: Cooling System	75	Case Study Unit Exam	10 12	10 12
11: The Interior	95	Case Study Unit Exam	10 12	10 12
12: Built-In Appliances	90	Case Study Unit Exam	10 12	10 12
13: Garages and Carports	65	Unit Exam	15	15
14: Pools, Spas, and Saunas	85	Unit Exam	15	15
15: Pests and Environmental Hazards	80	Case Study Unit Exam	10 12	10 12
16: The Inspection Report	70	Unit Exam	15	15
Final Exam		Multiple-Choice	60	42
Total	1500		375	357



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Student Integrity and Academic Honesty Policy

Allied Schools strives to encourage a spirit of honesty and integrity. This policy was created to foster a climate that promotes the most stringent academic standards. Violations of this policy will be dealt with using fair and consistent methods. Committing one or more of the following actions is considered unacceptable and constitutes a violation of this policy:

- Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials in any academic exercise;
- Intentionally aiding or attempting to aid another student to commit any act of academic dishonesty;
- Bribing or attempting to bribe, or making threats against any individual, with the intention of affecting a grade or an evaluation of academic performance;
- Falsifying any documents;
- Accessing the institution's computer systems or files without proper authorization.