

Home Inspection

Diploma

Program Objective

The Home Inspection Diploma is designed to introduce students to a vast array of practical and technical skills and tools, preparing them for a career in the home inspection industry. This program provides training that links with the professional standards of the Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors (CAHPI) and the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI).

This diploma program provides students with:

- Knowledge of roof inspections focusing on system performance, safety concerns, and conformity with good construction practice
- Comprehension of the structural components of a residential dwelling
- The ability to inspect installed heating equipment as well as identify the energy source, type, material, condition, and any safety concerns related to this equipment
- Knowledge of cooling systems' typical defects and how to apply correct inspection techniques
- Awareness of the interior water supply and distribution systems
- The ability to inspect all aspects of a dwelling's exterior
- The knowledge to build an independent business
- The ability to create, write, and deliver reports
- The ability to address and effectively resolve disputes
- Basic proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook

Program Notes

Financial assistance may be available for those who qualify.

Students must achieve a 75% program average to earn the Home Inspection Diploma.

Familiarity with construction, engineering, architecture, or property management may be advantageous, but it is not a requirement.

Method of Delivery

Combination of:

- Integrated Learning™ System training facilitated by Academy of Learning College facilitators
- Self-directed training supported by instructors via e-mail or telephone

Career Opportunities

Home Inspection is a fast growing profession. The home inspector takes part in multiple tasks, including the examination and the preparation of a technical report regarding the physical condition of a home.

Graduates of this program will be prepared to work in either the private or public sector of the home inspection industry, as well as have an opportunity to become self-employed.

Duties and Responsibilities

Individuals working in the home inspection industry perform a wide variety of duties to help home buyers. Their duties may include:

- Ensuring public health and safety regulations are met
- Identifying common problems related to cooling and heat pump systems
- Inspecting residential dwellings, including the interior water supply and distribution systems
- Identifying any issues, including the material, condition, and safety concerns, relating to the exterior and interior of a home
- Complying with the applicable laws and regulations, contracts, and business practices related to home inspection

Required Skills and Personal Attributes

To be successful in the home inspection field, individuals should possess:

- Patience and organizational skills
- Strong observational skills
- Strong analytical skills
- An eye for detail
- Good hand-eye coordination
- The physical ability to get into crawl spaces, into attics, and onto roofs
- An ability to communicate effectively and professionally both orally and in writing
- The ability to work well alone
- Research and investigative skills
- Basic computer skills

Admission Requirements

Grade 12 or equivalent or Mature Student Status.

Courses are open to any applicant who possesses a good command of the English language and is able to follow instructions.

An admissions interview will be administered to determine if the applicant has the required interest, motivation, and entry-level skills to take this program.

Full-time students must attend the required hours per week as per the course schedule and may do so at times convenient to them.

Competencies upon Completion

Core Courses

Semester 1

- **Keyboarding**
Minimum 25 words per minute (WPM)
- **Operating Systems**
Basic level of proficiency in a Windows operating system
- **Word Processing**
Basic level of proficiency in Microsoft Word
- **Spreadsheet**
Basic level of proficiency in Microsoft Excel
- **Office Skills**
Internet Fundamentals, Basic Bookkeeping Levels 1 and 2, and basic level of proficiency in Microsoft Outlook
- **Business Skills**
Grammar Essentials for Business Writing and Customer Service
- **Accounting**
QuickBooks Premier
- **Job Readiness/Employability Skills**
Thought Pattern for a Successful Career
- **Home Inspection & Maintenance**
Roofing Inspection, Structure Inspection, Electrical Inspection, Heating Inspection 1 and 2, and Air Conditioning & Heat Pumps Inspection

Semester 2

- **Home Inspection & Maintenance**
Plumbing Inspection, Exterior Inspection, Interior & Insulation Inspection, Communication & Professional practice, and Building Your Home Inspection Business