Purpose:

- Continuing Education must be an important part of every insulation professional’s career.
- Continuing Education enables the public to identify a true insulation professional.
- Continuing Education keeps high performance contractors abreast of industry advances.
- Continuing Education improves the quality of insulation contractors across the industry.
- Continuing Education demonstrates a company’s commitment to excellence.

Continuing Education Requirement for Certified High Performance Insulation Professionals:

HPIP requires five hours of initial core curriculum coursework in order to be initially certified as a high performance insulation professional. These course topics are:

1. Building Science
2. Air Sealing
3. Attics
4. Walls
5. Floors

Certified contractors must continually earn 10 units each renewal year, either through the HPIP Online Course Library or another accredited source such as qualifying hands-on training events or other external accredited online courses. CEUs must be verified and documented in the contractor’s online profile. The online platform automatically tracks requirements and reminds members when CEUs are due. HPIP provides full staff support to help contractors navigate the online system and upload external CEUs earned.
Continuing Education Options:

Supporting industry partners, members, sponsors, and cooperating nonprofits may submit educational content to be considered for accreditation by completing an online application:
https://www.cognitoforms.com/HPIP1/HPIPAccreditationApplication
Generally, one unit is awarded per hour of educational content. Exceptions are made for content that is not considered essential, or content that exceeds standards. All submissions are considered and assigned appropriate continuing education credit by the HPIP Training Committee. HPIP’s online course library and tracking portal is available at no cost to current and paid certified contractors.

Criteria for Course Approval:

The following criteria apply to any live or online course considered for Continuing Education

1. Content must be offered by an approved business, building science, or insulation industry resource.
2. The purpose, and learning objectives are clearly stated in the course application.
3. The content is well organized and presented in a manner relevant to certified contractors.
4. The course is presented in advance for review by the Training Committee and Staff.
5. The instructional personnel is well-qualified by education and/or experience in the industry.
6. The course content is objective, and free of commercial bias.
7. The course is of specific interest to the high performance insulation community.
8. The course will be presented separately from specific branded product information.
9. The course is not related to any industry policy making body or political agenda.
10. The course will reflect up-to-date scientific and industry knowledge.
11. The course strictly adheres to the HPIP Anti-trust Policy

Who Qualifies for High Performance Certification:

Certification is carried by the company, and is intended to include companies whose primary course of business includes providing and installing approved high performance insulation systems to Grade One standards. At least one key employee of the certified company must complete the required annual education credits. A combined total of 10 CEUs earned by multiple employees is sufficient to meet the company’s annual requirement. Existing HPIP members must complete the same criteria as newly certified contractors. No company is granted pre-approval by virtue of previous membership in HPIP or BIBCA.

Survival of Certification:

Certification coursework completed by an employee of one company is non-transferrable to successive employers or companies. Certified companies are encouraged to spread CEU knowledge broadly across an entire team, to diversify the knowledge base and limit the risk of losing all CEUs with the departure of one key employee.

Cost of Certification:

Qualified companies are invited to apply for certification by completing an online application:
https://www.cognitoforms.com/HPIP1/INSULATIONCONTRACTORCertificationApplication
Initial certification fee is $450. Re-certification fee is $450 paid annually during the re-certification period. Certified contractors will pay no additional fees for unlimited use of the online learning platform, accredited courses, or live learning events. HPIP cannot extend this no-cost policy to external learning opportunities.