

National Home Inspector Certification Council

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ACCREDITATION OVERVIEW

Without accreditation, there would be no basic standard to judge training institutions legitimacy. During the process, an independent accrediting body makes a thorough review of the courses and learning outcomes to determine whether it meets the accreditation standards. The standards are based on over a decades work based on DACUM's that have created the National Occupational Standards (NOS) for the home inspection sector.

The most recent DACUM was completed by the NHICC and with the assistance of a number of home inspection associations. The hours accredited represent only those hours of learning outcomes that meets the NOS. Those with fewer hours will require additional education and training to meet the requirements of provincial regulations and/or association certification requirements.

The following home inspector education courses and programs are recognized as accredited by prior review provisions of the National Certification Program. Alpha ordered listing

Course Provider	Accredited Hours	Conditions
Academy of Learning* Richmond Hill, ON	420 Academic Hours Under Review	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
Ashton College Vancouver, BC	326 Academic Hours 52 Practical hours Under Review	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) Burnaby, BC	110 Academic Hours 24 Practical hours Limits in Course Hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
Carson Dunlop, & Associates Ltd.* Toronto, ON	420 Academic Hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
Conestoga College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning* Kitchener, ON	420 Academic Hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
Durham College Oshawa, ON	420 Academic Hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
Georgian College ** Barrie, ON	250 Academic Hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
Inspection Support Services Inc Newmarket, ON (Formerly delivered by Humber College)	420 Academic Hours+ 50 Practical Hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
College Andre Grasset / Institut Grasset Montreal, QC	390 Academic Hours 45 Practical Hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
Loyalist College of Applied Arts & Technology* Belleville, ON	420 Academic Hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
Seneca College* Toronto, ON	420 Academic Hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
(Cegep) Vanier College ** Saint-Laurent, QC	271 Academic Hours 24 Practical Hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored

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Canadian Residential Inspection Services Ltd. * Dartmouth, NS (Franchisor)	250 Academic Hours 60 Practical hours Under Review	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
Global Property Inspections (National Property Inspections Inc.) * Omaha, Nebraska (Franchisor)	54 Academic Hours 40 Practical Hours Limited Course Hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored
Pillar to Post * Mississauga, ON (Franchisor)	202 Academic Hours 12 Practical hours	NOS Compliance Legal not accredited Exams must be proctored

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NOTES:

Formal recognition of a course or program for the National Certification Program can be difficult to oversee, and may possibly present a potential conflict of interest. To assure open independence, the responsibility of reviewing and recommending accreditation, the NHICC delegates the review of all applications to the NHICC to an independent review team – the National Admissions Board.

Formal recognition (aka: accreditation) is the process a certification body uses to determine whether the courses or programs offered by a training provider meet some or all of the skill and knowledge requirements of a (NOS) National Occupational Standards. It also involves an assessment of a provider's ability to provide a consistent standard of training. For home and property inspectors seeking to gain NHI (National Home Inspector) status, recognition will be the responsibility of a NHICC National Admissions Board.

The steps in the process review for formal recognition includes:

1. Establishing the bona fides (*legitimacy*) of the training provider: at a minimum, training providers must demonstrate that they are legitimate training body, can demonstrate adequate processes for maintaining instructional standards and maintain adequate processes for verifying the competence of trainees.
2. Gathering information regarding specific courses or programs provided by the training provider.
3. Mapping course or program topics to the requirements of the (NOS) National Occupational Standards. A copy of the National Occupational Standards may be downloaded from the NHICC Web - Home Page. (Map example in Excel Spreadsheet format on the website)
4. Determining skill and/or knowledge levels (learning outcomes) delivered by a course or program.
5. Determining the degree of compliance with the elements of the NOS. (This step is for information purpose only.)
6. Acknowledging the right for auditing training courses or programs. (This step is for NHICC administrative verification information purpose only.)

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7. Reviewing program participants for satisfaction and competency. (This step is for accreditation administrative information purpose only. It will be used as reference documentation for courses/program that undergoes an accreditation audit.)

Training Quality & Consistency

Any training course/program put forward for formal recognition for certification must comply with the national standards for the occupation. The NHICC provides a reference link to the (NOS) National Occupational Standards for Home and Property Inspectors. The NOS provides the training framework guidelines for course/program developers. The NOS document provides a template and clear guidelines on the required learning outcomes and educational content for recognition of an accredited course/program.

The training provider is tasked with mapping the course/program content and learning outcomes by performing a comparative analysis with the NOS. This must be completed prior to submitting their course or courses for review.

The submission is reviewed by the NHICC National Admissions Board. Upon completion a recommendation report is submitted to the NHICC Certification Council for a final decision on granting recognition.

The NHICC education review process ensures that all course/program materials first and foremost meet the National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Home and Property Inspectors.

Note: Accreditation review does not guarantee the actual quality of the actual instructor or trainer.