

In as little as four months—or take longer if you wish—you can be ready to start making great money as a Professional Home Inspector. U.S. Career Institute prepares you to work for yourself at home or for a home inspection company.

You get everything you need to know in easy-to-understand lessons that take you step by step through the details of home inspection, from the drainage on the lot through foundations, walls and ceilings, including plumbing and electrical and much more. This outline gives you a preview of what you will learn.

## INSTRUCTION PACK I

### Lesson 1: Building a Dream—An Overview of Home Inspection

Your first lesson introduces you to the exciting world of home inspection. You'll learn why home inspectors are in such great demand and about the employment opportunities and salary potential for this growing career.

### Lesson 2: Home Inspection and Real Estate

Lesson 2 illustrates how home inspection fits into the larger real estate industry. You'll meet your future clients, associates, and fellow real estate industry professionals. You'll also be introduced to key real estate terminology.

### Lesson 3: Introduction to the House

No two houses are exactly alike. In this lesson, you'll begin your "home" education by discovering the many different house types and styles.

### Lesson 4: The Lot

In Lesson 4 you'll start your first inspection by examining the lot. You'll learn how to inspect a property's drainage, paved areas, retaining walls, and landscaping.

### Lesson 5: Foundations

In this lesson you'll get to the bottom of home inspection and analyze a home's foundation. You'll learn how soil and climate affect foundations, as well as what to look for in basements and crawl spaces.

#### Also Included in Pack I

- Course Organizer #1 • Home Inspection Course Introduction • U.S. Career Institute's School Catalog
- Tape: You Can Do It! • Quiz Answer Sheets and Envelopes
- Flashcards • Flashlight

## INSTRUCTION PACK II

### Lesson 6: Frames and Wall Systems

Lesson 6 covers the design, construction, and inspection basics of frames and external siding. Learn about common problems and characteristics of popular external sidings.

### Lesson 7: Environmental Concerns

Warning: termites, asbestos, mold, formaldehyde, radon gas, carbon monoxide, and electromagnetic fields! In this lesson you'll learn about environmental hazards that can exist in a home and how to inspect for them.

### Lesson 8: Roofs

Lesson 8 explores the roof over your head. You'll learn how roofs are built, how they stand up to the weather, and how to inspect them like a pro.

### Lesson 9: The Future of Home Inspection

The home inspection industry is constantly growing and evolving. In this lesson you'll discover the trends that shape home inspection today—outsourcing, specialization, and green construction.



### Lesson 10: The Interior I: Walls, Ceilings, Floors, Stairs, Windows, and Doors

In Lesson 10 you'll head inside and inspect a home's walls, ceilings, floors, and stairs. You'll encounter the warning signs of faulty construction and moisture penetration, and you'll learn how to inspect trim and railings.

#### Also Included in Pack II

- Quick-Learn Flashcards • Supplement: *Professional Development—Part I: Creating a Professional Image*
- Supplement: *How to Juggle Work and Family*
- Video: *The Essentials of Home Inspection*
- Comprehensive Glossary of Terms for Home Inspection
- Quiz Answer Sheets • 4-in-1 Screwdriver

## INSTRUCTION PACK III

### Lesson 11: Electrical Systems

Lesson 11 gives you a solid background in electrical theory, then takes you on a tour of the electrical equipment in the home, from the service entrance to the plug-ins. Additionally, you'll learn about safety concerns.

### Lesson 12: Technology and the Home Inspector

Grab your toolbox! In this lesson you'll learn about all of the everyday tools and inspection technology you'll be using when you inspect homes. You'll also learn about computer software to make your inspection business more efficient.

### Lesson 13: Plumbing

Lesson 13 shows you how a home's plumbing system and water heater work. You'll learn how to inspect water flow and pressure, piping, and waste disposal. Additionally, you'll learn about safety concerns during inspection.

### Lesson 14: The Interior II: Kitchen, Bathroom, and Appliances

Follow those pipes and wires to the kitchen and bathroom. In this lesson, you'll inspect sinks, bathtubs, toilets, dishwashers, stoves, washers, and dryers. You'll learn what to be on the lookout for in kitchens and bathrooms.

### Lesson 15: Fireplaces and Wood Stoves

Lesson 15 will teach you how fireplaces and wood stoves are constructed, as well as what you will be checking for when you inspect them.

#### Also Included in Pack III

- Study Organizer #2 • Quick-Learn Flashcards
- Circuit Analyzer
- Supplement: *Professional Development—Part II: Managing Stress, Time, and Money*
- *Computer Buyer's and User's Guide*
- *Ergonomics: Creating a Healthy Working Environment*

## INSTRUCTION PACK IV

### Lesson 16: Insulation, Ventilation, and Moisture

Insulation, ventilation, and moisture control are important concerns in any home inspection. In this lesson you'll learn the basics of interior environmental control.

### Lesson 17: Heating and Air Conditioning

Continue building your understanding of interior environmental control by learning to inspect heating systems, air conditioners, humidifiers, and air ducts.

### Lesson 18: Exterior Structures

Step outside and master the inspection of decks, balconies, pools, spas, sprinkler systems, garages, and satellite dishes.

### Lesson 19: Estimating Repair Costs

Provide exceptional service to your future clients by learning to estimate the cost of repairing the problems you find during an inspection. This lesson shows you how.

### Lesson 20: Reporting Your Findings

Lesson 20 teaches you how to present your inspection findings to your clients. You'll learn about inspection report formats, contracts, disclaimers, and keeping good records.

### Lesson 21: A Home Inspection Walk Through—From Sidewalk to Chimney

Lesson 21 lets you use your new skills to conduct a step-by-step building inspection of a house and complete a report.

#### Also Included in Pack IV

- Flashcards • *Math Tutor for the Office Professional*
- Supplement: *Professional Development—Part III: Career Advancement • Communicating with Your Clients*
- Home Inspection Software Demonstration CD

## INSTRUCTION PACK V

### Lesson 22: A Home Inspection Walk Through—Getting at the Guts

Lesson 22 gives you a chance to use your new skills to conduct a step-by-step inspection of the electricity, plumbing, and heating systems, as well as present your findings.

### Lesson 23: The House of Horrors—A Hands-on Inspection Project

Apply your home inspection skills to this detailed scenario of a full home inspection.

### Lesson 24: The Business Side of Home Inspection

Learn about standards of conduct and business ethics, how to open your own business, licensing requirements, insurance, laws, the National Home Inspection Exam, and helpful testing hints.

### Lesson 25: Putting It All Together—Final

Complete your home inspection training by completing a full home inspection in this follow-along video final.

#### Also Included in Pack V

- *Home Business Guide* • Telescoping Mirror
- Home Inspection Marketing Pack • *Jobs Finder*
- Home Inspection Video Practicum • *Inspection Handbook*

### Special Graduation Gift:

As a paid-in-full graduate, you'll receive a sturdy, multi-pocket, tool organizer!

