



ADVANCING SKILLS - PRESERVING CRAFT

# HISTORIC MASONRY PRESERVATION CERTIFICATE

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As the list of historic building and structures increases, so is the demand for qualified masons who have the necessary skill and knowledge in preserving them.

Traditional craft skills and contemporary repair techniques are critical to the preservation of historic buildings and structures. It is for this reason that the demand is growing for masons who have the qualifications and experience for preserving our historic building stock. To assure understanding and compliance related to masonry restoration and historic preservation, IMI has launched its Historic Masonry Preservation Certification Program. This program equips the members of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers with an integrated knowledge in historic masonry preservation that includes study in key focus topics.

## Core Modules

- Fundamentals of Historic Preservation
- Mortars in Preservation
- Introduction to Architecture & Building Technology
- Historic Structure Survey & Condition Reports

## Additional Training Modules

- Brick Restoration
- Terra Cotta Restoration
- Stone Carving & Dutchman Repair
- Masonry Cleaning
- Mold Making & Casting
- Caulking/sealants
- Consolidants & Coatings
- Pinning & Grout Injection



## Overview

The IMI Historic Masonry Preservation Certificate Program provides Journey level masons with an introduction to the theory and history behind the preservation movement as well as an in-depth understanding of traditional materials/methods and advancements in preservation technology.

Many participating masonry craftworkers are engaged in restoration work, while others are just getting involved. The two-week course provides a perspective on how the role of the craftworker fits into the overall execution of a preservation project.

The learning modules were developed to actively engage the masonry craftworkers through lecture and hands-on training sessions lead by IMI Instructors. More importantly, the course relies heavily on the assistance and participation from building owners, members of the preservation design community, and product manufactures.

For the building owners and design professionals, this certificate program offers an opportunity to manage quality control on preservation projects. The ultimate goal in these efforts is to foster higher quality craftsmanship. Developing specification language encourages certificate programs such as these as a pre-qualification requirements.

## Course Information

In order to receive the certificate, participants must attend all training modules, pass a written exam ,and be evaluated on the hands-on portions of the program. Certificates of successful completion will be valid for 5 years and can be renewed though abbreviated re-certification courses offered for each module.

