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Certification and recertification

VISIT your **society's webpage** and learn

of the Society of Certified RV Profes-

- Professional recognition program
- Free weekly webinars

homepage to find out about:

Links to CEU opportunities



"Whatever the economic climate ... all RV dealerships need to find ways to reduce costs and attract and retain customers. The RV Learning Center's products and programs offer solutions that help dealers develop employees to grow revenues and increase profitability."



Jeff Pastore **Hartville RV Center Chairman, Mike Molino RV Learning Center** 

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# **Employee** Certification

Bring the power of certification programs to your dealership

## **RV Learning Center Certification Programs:**

- Service Manager
- Service Writer/Advisor
- Warranty Administrator
- Parts Manager
- Parts Specialist



- Registered Technician
- Certified Technician



## **RV Learning Center Certifications**

## Created for the people who are 'the face' of your dealership

The Mike Molino RV Learning Center offers nationally recognized professional certification that supports career development and professionalism. Top performing employees not only create confident and loyal customers, they create more customers.

#### For the DEALER, certification means...

- Increased employee retention: Investing in your employees' professional development will demonstrate your commitment to them.
- They will feel valued. In turn, they will be more engaged and committed to the dealership.
- Higher level of professionalism among employees.
- Accurate knowledge and ability evaluation: Certification provides a standardized benchmark to distinguish top performers and help evaluate potential job candidates.

#### For the INDIVIDUAL, certification means...

- Self-confidence: Certification gives you the credibility and confidence to be a high performing contributor at your dealership.
- A respected career path: Credentials provide a roadmap for professional development and career advancement.
- Evidence of competence, dedication, and professionalism.

Certified professionals and those aspiring to become certified, are members of the Society of Certified RV Professionals. The society promotes and



recognizes certified professionals and facilitates their professional development.

The society's events feature public recognition of newly certified and recertified individuals, education, and networking. Members receive regular updates on training with continuing education units (CEUs) and may also use the local news release template to announce a certification. Dealers may also elect to be included in RVDA's quarterly national news release program.



The credentials were developed with the assistance of experts at The Ohio State University's Center for **Education and Training for** Employment, and a team of top performing, demographically

diverse, working professionals. Suppliers, distributors, dealer-owners, and manufacturers were also instrumental in developing the programs.











## **ELIGIBILITY POLICIES**

Currently employed in the RV industry and ... If they're just getting started and have at least one year of service, parts, and warranty department, or related experience are eligible for the parts specialist, service writer/advisor, and warranty administrator certifications.

Management-level parts and service personnel with at least two years work experience in RV service, parts, or related industry, and possess the necessary supervisory and budget planning knowledge, are eligible for the parts manager and service manager certifications.

## **COMPETENCY PROFILES**

The certification tests are developed to measure the competency of fixed operations professionals as it relates to the knowledge and performance outlined in each position's competency profile. The profiles are a free resource and can be downloaded from www.rvlearningcenter.com.

### **FEES**

Service and parts manager certifications: \$249. Parts specialist, service writer/advisor, and warranty administrator certifications: \$199. **NOTE:** Fees subject to change.

#### **CERTIFICATION PREPARATION**

Certification includes a rigorous testing process that ensures dealers that their certified people are knowledgeable in their field according to industry standards. Many resources are available to help individuals prepare for testing.

## RV Service Technician Training and Certification Preparation Online Courses

## COURSE ENROLLMENT FORM

Developed by RVIA and offered exclusively by the Mike Molino RV Learning Center, the two certification preparation courses help prepare working RV technicians for the Registered Technician and Certified Technician certification tests. Five continuing education courses provide technicians continuing education units (CEUs) upon completion. All content is provided online. Graphics, charts, and instructional videos address the specific needs of various learning styles. All courses include a final comprehensive practice test. The fee offers the technician access to the course for one year. There is a separate fee and application for certification testing.

#### 1. Certification Preparation Courses

REGISTERED TECHNICIAN PREP COURSE addresses these core knowledge areas:

- 1. Propane: how propane is stored in the RV, how it's delivered to appliances, and 3. Interior; important fire, life, and safety information is the materials and safety devices.
- 2. Basic Electricity: including Ohm's law manipulation, electrical diagram interpretation, and the use of basic test equipment.
- explained, along with instructions for routine care and cleaning of interior services.
- 4. Technical: welding systems, and delivery inspection



- 1. Electrical: service power sources, wiring, and inspections and testing.
- 2. Brakes, Suspension, and Towing.
- 3. Plumbing: fresh water, waste water, and propane piping.
- 4. Appliances: HVAC, refrigerators, and cooktops.
- 5. Generators: operation and control and components
- 6. Hydraulics: components, controls, maintenance, etc.
- 7. Exterior/Interior: body, roof, and slideouts.

## 2. Continuing Education Courses (five CEUs per completed course)

Code 1-APPLIANCES: propane systems tests, a/c, water heaters/ furnaces, refrigerators, and cooktops.

Code 2-BODY: exterior and interior construction components, from types of construction to cleaning and replacing

Code 4-ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: AC and DC power sources, 120 VAC & 12 VDC wiring distribution, inspection and testing, brakes and generators. Code 5-PLUMBING: fresh water distribution systems, waste water tests,

holding tank and piping repair and maintenance.

3. Enroll The Technician(s) below:		COURSE		
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# What is the RV Service Technician Certification Program?

The RVDA-RVIA RV Service Technician Certification Program is designed to assist the RV industry and the public by identifying professionals who have demonstrated the knowledge and ability to satisfy established standards in RV diagnostic and repair procedures. The program tests and certifies only individuals, not dealerships, companies, or other types of business entities.

**Registered Technician:** this test establishes that the technician is proficient in core knowledge areas such as propane, basic electricity and other skills. This test is required of all new technicians. Those who are currently certified or have ever held a certification may skip this test.

**Certified Technician:** A comprehensive test where technicians are tested on all RV systems to become a certified or master certified technician. Note: master level is achieved with proper score and five years of documented experience.

#### **FEES**

Registered Technician: \$150

Certified/Master Certified Technician: \$325

Retest for both tests: \$25 within 90 days

NOTE: fees subject to change.

Visit www.rvtechnician.com for additional information, policies, procedures and test applications.

Having certified employees is a

## KEY RECOMMENDATION

of the Go RVing Committee on Excellence Task Force Reports on Consumer Satisfaction.

Because trained employees who interact with customers not only improve CSI, but also help the dealership's "word of mouth" reputation for service in the market.



## RV TECHNICIAN TODAY

is a subscribers-only resource for RV service professionals. It offers a searchable archive of how-to articles for every RV component, and the industry's most comprehensive list of federal recalls.

## **READINESS TESTS**

help individuals gauge their preparedness for certification and identify possible knowledge gaps. Five tests are available, one for each of the RV Learning Center's certifications. The \$25 test fee is applied to the certification application/exam fee if the individual applies for certification within six months of taking the readiness test.

## **RV TRAINING CALENDAR**

offers information about both classroom and online training opportunities. Access the calendar at: www.rvtrainingcalendar.com.

## **LEARNING GUIDES**

are available for parts specialists, parts managers, warranty administrators, service writers/advisors, and service managers. The principle-based learning guides were developed by the RV Learning Center and instructional design experts from The Ohio State University. The guides complement existing training programs and are frequently used by RV industry trainers. See the next page for an order form.

#### TRAINING PROGRAMS

offered by Florida RV Trade Association's Distance Learning Network include technician training, a three-hour service writer/advisor course, a course for greeter/receptionists, and training from manufacturers and suppliers.

## MANUFACTURER, SUPPLIER, DISTRIBUTOR, AND PROFESSIONAL RV INDUSTRY TRAINERS

are also excellent resources that will help individuals build their on-thejob experience with formal, structured training.

## RV DEALERS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION/EXPO

features education for dealers and their top performing staff. Timely workshops are presented by dynamic and knowledgeable speakers.

# WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?

## **EXCUSE #1**

Certification preparation and training is too expensive.

It doesn't have to be. Learning guides, available for order on the next page, are an excellent resource. Multiple employees can use each guide as they prepare for certification. The nominally priced readiness tests let you (and them) assess their preparedness for certification—before applying for testing. And, you can view sample guides before you buy!

## **EXCUSE #2**

Between work and family, there's no time to study for the test.

Readiness tests help identify which body of knowledge the certification candidate may need to spend the most time studying. Retention is improved through studying in little blocks of time instead of lengthy, last-minute cram sessions.

## **EXCUSE #3**

They know their stuff, why prove it with certification?
They may know their jobs inside and out. Why not take it to the next level and have them get credentials that formally attest to their abilities? Customers appreciate and recognize the value of certified employees.

## Download

Competency profiles, certification applications and complete policies and procedures:

## www.rvlearningcenter.com

Click on the Certification drop down.

Full Set (Sections A—I) 3-ring binder or on CD

Full Set (Sections A-D & H) 3-ring binder or on CD

PARTS MANAGER LEARNING GUIDE—save \$140 on the full set!

Section A—Merchandise the Store

Section C—Manage Parts Inventory

Section D—Sell Parts & Accessories

Section E—Manage Customer Relations

Section G-Manage Financial Resources

Section H—Perform Administrative Functions

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Section I—Pursue Professional Development

Full Set (Sections A - I) 3-ring binder or

AGER LEARNING GUIDE — Save \$140 on the full set

Section A—Manage Service Department Workflow

Section C—Generate Service Department Revenue

Section I—Pursue Professional Development

Section F—Manage Human Resources

PARTS SPECIALIST LEARNING GUIDE — Save \$60 on the full set!

Section A—Merchandise the Store

Section C—Manage Parts Inventory

Section D—Sell Parts & Accessories

Section B—Provide Customer Service

Section E—Manage Human Resources

Section F—Supervise Support Staff

Section H—Promote Public Relations
Section I—Perform Administrative Activities

Section D—Review Administrative Reports

Section G—Train Service Department Staff

SERVICE WRITER/ADVISOR LEARNING GUIDE — Save \$60 on the full set

Section A—Satisfy Customer Requirements

Section D—Coordinate Technician Workload

Section E—Coordinate with other Departments

Section F—Participate in Professional Development

Section C—Maintain Daily Operations

Section B—Coordinate Customer Appointments

Full Set (Sections A - F) 3-ring binder or on CD

Section B—Market Parts & Accessories

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A standard attribute of professional certification programs is the requirement that every few years the certification must be renewed. Recertification proves your dedication to keeping your knowledge and skills up to date with industry changes and trends.

If you've been continuously employed in the RV industry, and have not let your certification lapse, you may recertify through one of two options:

### **Option 1: Training**

Participate in the required hours of industry training over the past 5 years.

- Technicians: Have proof of at least 20 hours of industry sponsored training during the five year period and remit a \$100 recertification fee.
- Learning Center credential holders: Have proof of at least 40 hours of industry sponsored training with 20 of these hours in the last three years of your certification, and remit a \$75 recertification fee.

### **Option 2: Testing**

Take the online certification test and earn a passing score. No training is required. The recertification (test) fee varies with the certification type.

If your certification is expired beyond the 90-day grace period or you left the RV industry for more than one year, you must use **option 2** and take the certification test. For training, all applications are subject to review and approval of the training and hours submitted. Fees subject to change.

Recertification applications and complete policies are available online at www.rvlearningcenter.com, www.rvtechnician.com, or call (703) 591-7130 or email info@rvda.org

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS**

Looking for training so you can stay current?

- Consult the RV industry's online Training Calendar at www.rvtrainingcalendar.com
- Visit the RV Learning Center's website at <u>www.rvlearningcenter.com</u>. Continuing education opportunities are listed under the education tab on the homepage.
- Go to the homepage of the Society of RV Professionals at <u>http://tinyurl.com/SocietyofRVProfessionals</u>
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