



## WLS: Expanded Pre-Requisite Courses



Throughout 2010 and into early 2011, RIA's Water Loss Specialist (WLS) Advanced Certification underwent some "reconstruction" which included the addition of two new pre-requisite course requirements.

This revamping gives future WLS Certificants a more comprehensive approach to water loss damage, while utilizing their time efficiently.

The expansion included moving from four to six core Domains of Knowledge, each with a minimum requirement of educational contact hours. A complete list of suggested pre-requisite courses within each Domain of Knowledge can be found at the RIA website, under Certification, WLS.

### These include:

1. **Domain #1: Basic Skills in Water Damage Restoration**
  - a. *(minimum of 12 contact hours)*
2. **Domain #2: Hands-on Water Damage, Restoration & Drying Training**
  - a. *(minimum of 18 contact hours)*
3. **Domain #3: Microbial Remediation**
  - a. *(minimum of 18 contact hours)*
4. **Domain #4: Health & Safety Training**
  - a. *(minimum of 12 contact hours)*
5. **NEW! Domain #5: Building Science**
  - a. *(minimum of 7 contact hours)*
6. **NEW! Domain #6: Project Management & Commercial Loss Training**
  - a. *(minimum of 12 contact hours)*

For 2011, RIA will offer its WLS Prep Course & Exam at a number of locations throughout the U.S. More details will be posted online by the end of February 2011.

### Interested in Becoming WLS Certified?

For 2011, those interested in pursuing their WLS certification may:

1. Begin the process by completing and submitting the WLS Application for Candidacy and submitting it to RIA for view and approval.
2. Review the list of pre-requisite courses and get them scheduled for your attendance!
3. Watch the RIA website for more details pertaining to the 2011 WLS Prep Course.
  - a. 2011 WLS Prep Course & Exam dates will be announced by late February 2011.

Thank you.