

“Air-sealing and vapor management are only part of the issue” warns Clifton, of national awarding winning Clifton View Homes, “you really need to understand the vapor profile of the entire wall, floor and roof assemblies if you are to avoid excessive condensation which will lead to the development of mold, mildew, rot and eventually lawsuits.”

NAHB’s new Advanced Green Building Science class addresses these issues specifically, providing the builder with the tools necessary to assure the builder understands the issues and knows what to do to if and when they come up.

“There seems to be a growing deficit of knowledge between those builders who have already taken the Green Building for Building Professionals course, and those who have not,” continues Clifton, who not only was one of the first Washington builders to earn NAHB’s Certified Green Professional (CGP) designation but is also an instructor for both courses. “Those builders that are still building the same way they built three to five years ago will begin to find themselves in a serious ‘hole’, as these new codes move forward. Most of the things we were teaching in the original version of the Green Building for Building Professional course are already code, yet many builders still do not have the education needed to build in a way that will protect them from latent liabilities in the near future. We are being forced to transform our industry. Arm yourself with the knowledge you need to succeed.”

BIAW offers both the Green Building for Building Professionals and Advanced Green Building Science courses throughout the year at a variety of locations around the state. To view the current schedule and register for a class, return to the BIAW main page and select ‘Education’ under ‘BIAW Programs’ and then click on ‘Course Schedule’ at the bottom of the page, or call Jan, Amanda or Amber at 800-228-4229.