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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome! This home inspection training program has two primary goals:

- To provide you with a sound introduction to the components, materials and mechanics of house systems that you will encounter and evaluate as a home inspector;
- To provide you with a solid understanding of inspection processes, strategies and standards of practice that will help define the scope of your inspections.

We hope you enjoy this training program and develop a good understanding of the various house systems as you proceed. Good luck!

## FEATURES OF THIS PROGRAM

This program is structured to help you learn and retain the key concepts of home inspection. It also will help you form a set of best practices for conducting inspections. A number of features are included to help you master the information and put your knowledge into practice:

- Topics are organized into evenly paced Study Sessions. Each Session begins with learning objectives and key words to set up the important concepts you should master by the end of the Session. Each Session concludes with Quick Quizzes to help you test your understanding. Answers to Quick Quizzes are provided so you can check your results.
- Scope and Introduction sections present the ASHI® (American Society of Home Inspectors) Standards of Practice for each major topic. Standards help you define a professional, consistent depth and breadth for your inspections.
- An Inspection Checklist at the end of each section summarizes the important components you will be inspecting and their typical problems. You can use this as a set of field notes during your own inspections.
- The Inspection Tools list will help you build your toolkit of “must have” and optional tools for the job.
- An Inspection Procedures section provides some general guidelines to conducting your inspection of each major house system. This feature will help you develop a methodology to complement your technical knowledge.
- Field Exercises give you an opportunity to turn your knowledge into real world experience.

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## **SUMMARY**

The road we have paved for you is designed to be easy and enjoyable to follow. We trust it will lead you quickly to your destination of success in the home inspection profession.

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