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PLUMBING

Competencies / Objectives

Level One

MODULE 02101-05 – INTRODUCTION TO THE PLUMBING PROFESSION

- Describe the history of the plumbing profession. 1.
- 2. Identify the responsibilities of a person working in the construction industry.
- 3. State the personal characteristics of a professional.
- Identify the stages of progress within the plumbing profession and its positive impact on society. 4.

MODULE 02102-05 - PLUMBING SAFETY

- Describe the common unsafe acts and unsafe conditions that cause accidents. 1.
- Describe how to handle unsafe acts and unsafe conditions. 2.
- 3. Explain how the cost of accidents and illnesses affects everyone on site.
- Demonstrate the use and care of appropriate personal protective equipment. 4.
- Identify job-site hazardous work specific to plumbers. 5.
- 6. Demonstrate the proper use of ladders.
- 7. Demonstrate how to maintain power tools safely.
- 8. Explain how to work safely in and around a trench.
- 9. Describe and demonstrate the lockout/tagout process.

MODULE 02103-05 - PLUMBING TOOLS

- Identify the basic hand and power tools used in the plumbing trade. 1.
- 2. Demonstrate the proper use of plumbing tools.
- Demonstrate the ability to know when and how to select the proper tool(s) for tasks. 3.
- Demonstrate the proper maintenance for caring for hand and power tools. 4.
- Demonstrate how to prepare a surface for tool use. 5.
- 6. Describe the safety requirements for using plumbing tools.

MODULE 02104-05 - INTRODUCTION TO PLUMBING MATH

- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers. 1.
- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions. 2.
- 3. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals.
- Convert decimals to percentages and percentages to decimals. 4.
- Convert fractions to decimals and decimals to fractions. 5.
- Explain what the metric system is and how it is important in the plumbing trade. 6.
- Square various numbers and take square roots of numbers, with and without a calculator. 7
- Identify the parts of a fitting and use common pipe-measuring techniques. 8.
- Use fitting dimension tables to determine fitting allowances and thread makeup. 9.
- Calculate end-to-end measurements using fitting allowances and thread makeup.

MODULE 02105-05 - INTRODUCTION TO PLUMBING DRAWINGS

- 1. Identify pictorial (isometric and oblique), schematic, and orthographic drawings, and discuss how different views are used to depict information about objects.
- 2. Identify the basic symbols used in schematic drawings of pipe assemblies.
- 3. Explain the types of drawings that may be included in a set of plumbing drawings and the relationship among the different drawings.
- 4. Interpret plumbing-related information from a set of plumbing drawings.
- 5. Sketch orthographic and schematic drawings.
- 6. Use an architect's scale to draw lines to scale and to measure lines drawn to scale.
- 7. Discuss how code requirements apply to certain drawings.

MODULE 02106-05 -- PLASTIC PIPE AND FITTINGS

- 1. Identify types of materials and schedules of plastic piping.
- 2. Identify proper and improper applications of plastic piping.
- 3. Identify types of fittings and valves used with plastic piping.
- 4. Identify and determine the kinds of hangers and supports needed for plastic piping.
- 5. Identify the various techniques used in hanging and supporting plastic piping.
- 6. Properly measure, cut, and join plastic piping.
- 7. Explain proper procedures for the handling, storage, and protection of plastic pipes.

MODULE 02107-05 - COPPER PIPE AND FITTINGS

- 1. Identify the types of materials and schedules used with copper piping.
- 2. Identify the material properties, storage, and handling requirements of copper piping.
- 3. Identify the types of fittings and valves used with copper piping.
- 4. Identify the techniques used in hanging and supporting copper piping.
- 5. Properly measure, ream, cut, and join copper piping.
- 6. Identify the hazards and safety precautions associated with copper piping.

MODULE 02108-05 - CAST-IRON PIPE AND FITTINGS

- 1. Recognize proper and improper applications of cast-iron piping.
- 2. Identify the material properties, storage, and handling requirements of cast iron piping.
- 3. Identify the types of materials and schedules used in cast-iron piping.
- 4. Identify the types of fittings used with cast-iron piping.
- 5. Identify the various techniques used in handling and supporting cast-iron piping.
- 6. Properly measure, cut, and join cast-iron piping.
- 7. Identify the hazards and safety precautions associated with cast-iron piping.

MODULE 02109-05 - CARBON STEEL PIPE AND FITTINGS

- 1. Recognize proper applications of carbon steel piping.
- 2. Identify the material properties, storage, and handling requirements of carbon steel piping.
- 3. Identify the various techniques used in hanging and supporting carbon steel piping.
- 4. Properly measure, cut, groove, thread, and join carbon steel piping.

MODULE 02110-05 - CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING

- 1. Identify the common manufacturers of corrugated stainless steel tubing.
- 2. Recognize proper and improper applications of corrugated stainless steel tubing.
- 3. Identify the various techniques used in hanging and supporting corrugated stainless steel tubing.
- 4. Explain how to properly measure, cut, join, and groove corrugated stainless steel tubing.
- 5. Identify the material properties, storage, and handling requirements of corrugated stainless steel tubing.

MODULE 02111-05 - FIXTURES AND FAUCETS

- 1. Identify the basic types of materials used in the manufacture of plumbing fixtures.
- 2. Discuss common types of sinks, lavatories, and faucets.
- 3. Identify and discuss common types of bathtubs, bath-shower modules, shower stalls, and shower baths.
- 4. Discuss common types of toilets, urinals, and bidets.
- 5. Identify and describe common types of drinking fountains and water coolers.
- 6. Discuss common types of garbage disposals and domestic dishwashers.

MODULE 02112-05 - INTRODUCTION TO DRAIN, WASTE, AND VENT (DWV) SYSTEMS

- 1. Explain how waste moves from a fixture through the drain system to the environment.
- 2. Identify the major components of a drainage system and describe their functions.
- 3. Identify the different types of traps and their components, explain the importance of traps, and identify the ways that traps can lose their seals.
- 4. Identify the various types of drain, waste, and vent (DWV) fittings and describe their applications.
- 5. Identify significant code and health issues, violations, and consequences related to DWV systems.

MODULE 02113-05 - INTRODUCTION TO WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

- 1. Describe the process in which water is distributed in municipal, residential, and private water systems.
- 2. Identify the major components of a water distribution system, and describe the function of each component.
- 3. Explain the relationships between components of a water distribution system.

Level Two

MODULE 02201-05 – PLUMBING MATH TWO

- 1. Calculate 11¼-, 22½-, 45-, 60-, and 72-degree offsets.
- 2. Check the squareness of a corner using the 3-4-5 ratio.
- 3. Lay out square corners using the 3-4-5 ratio.
- 4. Use a framing square to find the travel.
- 5. Use a folding rule to find given angles.
- 6. Calculate 11¼-, 22½-, 45-, 60-, and 72-degree parallel offsets.
- 7. Calculate rolling offsets using constants for the angled fittings.
- 8. Calculate rolling offsets using a framing square.
- 9. Calculate 45-degree offsets around obstructions.

MODULE 02202-05 - READING COMMERCIAL DRAWINGS

- 1. Interpret information from given site plans.
- 2. Verify dimensions shown on drawings and generate a request for information (RFI) when you find discrepancies.
- 3. Locate plumbing entry points, walls, and chases.
- 4. Create an isometric drawing.
- 5. Do a material takeoff for drainage, waste, and vent (DWV) and water supply systems from information shown on drawings.
- 6. Use approved submittal data, floor plans, and architectural details to lay out fixture rough-ins, to develop estimates, and to establish general fixture locations.
- 7. Recognize the need for coordination and shop drawings.

MODULE 02203-05 - HANGERS, SUPPORTS, STRUCTURAL PENETRATIONS, AND FIRE STOPPING

- 1. Identify the hangers and supports used to install DWV and water supply systems and explain their applications
- 2. Install pipe hangers and supports correctly according to local applicable codes and manufacturer's specifications.
- 3. Modify structural members using the appropriate tools without weakening the structure.
- 4. Identify and install common types of fire-stopping materials used in penetrations through fire-rated structural members, walls, floors, and ceilings.

MODULE 02204-05 - INSTALLING AND TESTING DWV PIPING

- 1. Develop a material takeoff from a given set of plans.
- 2. Use plans and fixture rough-in sheets to determine location of fixtures and route of the plumbing.
- 3. Install a building sewer and a building drain.
- 4. Locate the stack within the structure.
- 5. Install a DWV system using appropriate hangers and correct grade or slope.
- 6. Modify structural members using the appropriate tools without weakening the structure.
- 7. Test a DWV system.

MODULE 02205-05 - INSTALLING ROOF, FLOOR, AND AREA DRAINS

- 1. Use a surveyor's level or transit level to set the elevation of a floor or area drain.
- 2. Install a roof drain, a floor drain, and an area drain.
- 3. Install waterproof membranes and flashing.

MODULE 02206-05 - TYPES OF VALVES

- 1. Identify the basic types of valves.
- 2. Describe the differences in pressure ratings for valves.
- 3. Demonstrate the ability to service various types of valves.

MODULE 02207-05 - INSTALLING AND TESTING WATER SUPPLY PIPING

- 1. Develop a material takeoff from a given set of plans.
- 2. Use plans and fixture rough-in sheets to determine the location of fixtures and the route of the water supply piping.
- 3. Locate and size a water meter.
- 4. Locate a water heater, water softener, and hose bibbs.
- 5. Install a water distribution system using appropriate hangers.
- 6. Modify structural members, using the appropriate tools, without weakening the structure.
- 7. Correctly size and install a water service line, including backflow prevention.
- 8. Test a water supply system.

MODULE 02208-05 - INSTALLING FIXTURES, VALVES, AND FAUCETS

- 1. Describe the general procedures you should follow before installing any fixture.
- 2. Install bathtubs, shower stalls, valves, and faucets.
- 3. Install water closets and urinals.
- 4. Install lavatories, sinks, and pop-up drains.
- 5. Protect fixtures.

MODULE 02209-05 - INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRICITY

- 1. State and demonstrate the safety precautions that must be followed when working on electrical equipment.
- 2. State how electrical power is generated and distributed.
- 3. Describe how voltage, current, resistance, and power are related.
- 4. Use Ohm's law to calculate the current, voltage, and resistance in a circuit.
- 5. Use the power formula to calculate how much power is consumed by a circuit.
- 6. Describe the differences between series and parallel circuits.
- 7. Recognize and describe the purpose and operation of the various electrical components used in plumbing equipment.
- 8. Make voltage, current, and resistance measurements using electrical test equipment. Determine the positioning of leads. Test a fuse for continuity.
- 9. Explain and understand electrical symbols.

MODULE 02210-05 - INSTALLING WATER HEATERS

- 1. Describe the basic operation of water heaters.
- 2. Identify and explain the functions of the basic components of water heaters.
- 3. Install an electric water heater.
- 4. Install a gas water heater.
- 5. Describe the safety hazards associated with water heaters.

MODULE 02211-05 - FUEL GAS SYSTEMS

- Identify the major components of the following fuel systems and describe the function of each component:
 - Natural gas
 - LP gas (liquefied petroleum gas)
 - Fuel oil
- 2. Identify the physical properties of each type of fuel.
- 3. Identify the safety precautions and potential hazards associated with each type of fuel and system.
- 4. Connect appliances to the fuel gas system properly.
- 5. Apply local codes to various fuel gas systems.
- 6. Design, size, purge, and test fuel gas systems.
- 7. Demonstrate familiarity with applicable fuel gas codes.

MODULE 02212-05 - SERVICING OF FIXTURES, VALVES, AND FAUCETS

- 1. Identify common repair and maintenance requirements for fixtures, valves, and faucets.
- 2. Identify the proper procedures for repairing and maintaining fixtures, valves, and faucets.

Level Three

MODULE 02301-06 - APPLIED MATH

- 1. Identify the weights and measures used in the English and metric systems.
- 2. Describe how to calculate area and volume.
- 3. Describe the practical applications of area and volume calculations in plumbing.
- 4. Explain the concepts of temperature and pressure and how they apply to plumbing installations.
- 5. Explain the functions and applications of six simple machines: inclined plane, lever, pulley, wedge, screw, and wheel and axle.

MODULE 02302-06 - SIZING WATER SUPPLY PIPING

- 1. Calculate pressure drops in a water supply system.
- 2. Size pipe for different acceptable flow rates.
- 3. Explain the difference between and advantages of a continuous-flow system and an intermittent-flow system.
- 4. Identify fixtures with high flow rates.
- 5. Explain how friction and flow impact a water supply system.
- 6. Lay out a water supply system.
- 7. Calculate developed lengths of branches for a given water supply system.
- 8. Calculate flow rates for high flow rate fixtures.

MODULE 02303-06 - POTABLE WATER TREATMENT

- 1. Flush out visible contaminants from plumbing systems.
- 2. Disinfect a potable water plumbing system.
- 3. Identify common water problems and identify the basic equipment to solve them.
- 4. Practice methods used to soften water.
- 5. Analyze and measure water-conditioning problems.
- 6. Install water-conditioning equipment.

MODULE 02304-06 - BACKFLOW PREVENTERS

- 1. Explain the principle of backflow due to back siphonage or back pressure.
- 2. Explain the hazards of backflow and demonstrate the importance of backflow preventers.
- 3. Identify and explain the applications of the six basic backflow prevention devices.
- 4. Install common types of backflow preventers.

MODULE 02305-06 - TYPES OF VENTING

- 1. Describe the scientific principles of venting.
- 2. Design vent systems according to local code requirements.
- 3. Sketch the different types of vents.
- 4. Construct given vent configurations.
- 5. Install the different types of vents correctly.
- 6. Select correct fittings for vents.

MODULE 02306-06 - SIZING DWV AND STORM SYSTEMS

- 1. Calculate drainage fixture units for waste systems.
- 2. Size building drains and sewers.
- 3. Size a vent system.
- 4. Identify and size special kinds of waste and vent systems.
- 5. Size roof drainage systems.

MODULE 02307-06 - SEWAGE PUMPS AND SUMP PUMPS

- 1. Explain the functions, components, and operation of sewage and sump pumps.
- 2. Size a storm water sump by calculating the runoff from paved and unpaved land surfaces.
- 3. Size a sewage sump by calculating the sewage flow from a structure.
- 4. Install and adjust sensors, switches, and alarms in sewage and sump pumps.
- 5. Troubleshoot and repair sewage and sump pumps.
- 6. Using a detailed drawing, identify system components.
- 7. Install a sump pump.
- 8. Find local applicable code requirements for installation and use.

MODULE 02308-06 - CORROSIVE-RESISTANT WASTE PIPING

- 1. Discuss corrosive wastes and explain where they are found.
- 2. Discuss common types of materials used for corrosive-resistant waste piping.
- 3. Explain the methods of joining corrosive-resistant waste piping.
- 4. Discuss safety issues and hazard communications.

MODULE 02309-06 - COMPRESSED AIR

- 1. Identify components of compressed air systems.
- 2. Discuss the installation of compressed air systems and their components and accessories.
- 3. Describe the applications of compressed air systems.
- 4. Identify the different methods of conditioning compressed air.
- 5. Identify the types, functions, and capacities of different air compressor systems.
- 6. Identify the safety issues related to compressed air systems.
- 7. Install a basic compressed air system.

Level Four

MODULE 02401-06 - BUSINESS PRINCIPLES FOR PLUMBERS

- 1. Identify and interpret a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement.
- 2. Prepare a material takeoff as part of an estimate.
- 3. Identify the business activities that affect profit and loss.

MODULE 02402-06 - INTRODUCTORY SKILLS FOR THE CREW LEADER

CHAPTER ONE – ORIENTATION TO THE JOB

- 1. Discuss the history, trends, and economic conditions of the construction industry.
- 2. Describe how workers' values have changed over the years.
- 3. Explain the importance of training for construction industry personnel.
- 4. List the new technologies available, and discuss how they are helpful to the construction industry.
- 5. Identify the gender and minority issues associated with a changing workforce.
- 6. Describe what employers can do to prevent workplace discrimination.
- 7. Describe the four major categories of construction projects.
- 8. Differentiate between formal and informal organizations.
- 9. Describe the difference between authority and responsibility.
- 10. Explain the purpose of job descriptions and what they should include.
- 11. Distinguish between company policies and procedures.

CHAPTER TWO - LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- 1. Explain the role of a crew leader.
- 2. List the characteristics of effective leaders.
- 3. Be able to discuss the importance of ethics in a supervisor's role.
- 4. Identify the three styles of leadership.
- 5. Describe the forms of communication.
- 6. Explain the four parts of verbal communication.
- 7. Demonstrate the importance of active listening.
- 8. Illustrate how to overcome the barriers to communication.
- 9. List some ways that supervisors can motivate their employees.
- 10. Explain the importance of delegating and implementing policies and procedures.
- 11. Differentiate between problem solving and decision making.

CHAPTER THREE - SAFETY

- 1. Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of safety.
- 2. Give examples of direct and indirect costs of workplace accidents.
- 3. Identify safety hazards of the construction industry.
- 4. Explain the purpose of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).
- 5. Discuss OSHA inspection programs.
- 6. Identify the key points of a safety program.
- 7. List the steps to train employees on how to perform new tasks safely.
- 8. dentify a supervisor's safety responsibilities.
- 9. Explain the importance of having employees trained in first aid and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on the job site.
- 10. Describe the signals of substance abuse.
- 11. List the essential parts of an accident investigation.
- 12. Describe the ways to maintain employee interest in safety.

CHAPTER FOUR - PROJECT CONTROL

- 1. Describe the three phases of a construction project.
- 2. Define the three types of project delivery systems.
- 3. Define planning and describe what it involves.
- 4. Explain why it is important to plan.
- 5. Describe the two major stages of planning.
- 6. Explain the importance of documenting one's work.
- 7. Describe the estimating process.
- 8. Explain how schedules are developed and used.
- 9. Identify the two most common schedules.
- 10. Explain short-interval production scheduling (SIPS).
- 11. Describe the different costs associated with building a job.
- 12. Explain the supervisor's role in controlling costs.
- 13. Illustrate how to control the main resources of a job: materials, tools, equipment, and labor.
- 14. Define the terms production and productivity and explain why they are important.

MODULE 02403-06 - WATER PRESSURE BOOSTER AND RECIRCULATION SYSTEMS

- 1. Explain the complete water pressure booster system and its components.
- 2. Explain the maintenance and basic troubleshooting processes for water pressure booster systems.
- 3. Describe the characteristics of the different recirculation systems.
- 4. Identify the basic components of a recirculation system.
- 5. Identify the location of various components within a recirculation system.
- 6. Install the basic components of a recirculation system.
- 7. Use the local plumbing code to find and cite requirements for recirculation systems.

MODULE 02404-06 - INDIRECT AND SPECIAL WASTE

- 1. Identify and install an indirect waste system.
- Identify and install an interceptor.

MODULE 02405-06 - HYDRONIC AND SOLAR HEATING SYSTEMS

- Describe the basic types of hydronic and solar heating systems and their components.
- 2. Describe the procedures for rough-in, installation, and testing of the piping in hydronic or solar heating systems.
- 3. Lay out and build a hydronic or a solar heating system.

MODULE 02406-06 - CODES

- 1. Describe the model and local plumbing codes and their purposes.
- 2. Explain the procedure for modifying plumbing codes.
- 3. Use the local plumbing code to find and cite references.

MODULE 02407-06 - SERVICING PIPING SYSTEMS, FIXTURES, AND APPLIANCES

- 1. Diagnose and address problems with water supply and quality.
- 2. Explain different types of corrosion and their effects on pipes.
- 3. Diagnose and solve fixture and appliance problems.
- 4. Troubleshoot and repair water heater problems.
- 5. Troubleshoot and repair DWV problems.

MODULE 02408-06 - PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY WELL SYSTEMS

- 1. Identify the qualities of a good well.
- 2. Explain the operation of various types of pumps and well components.
- 3. Explain the installation of private water supply well system components.
- 4. Assemble and disassemble given components of private water supply well systems.

MODULE 02409-06 - PRIVATE WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

- 1. Describe the types of private waste disposal systems.
- 2. Discuss the installation and maintenance of private waste disposal systems.
- 3. Discuss the local code requirements for private waste disposal systems.

MODULE 02410-06 - SWIMMING POOLS AND HOT TUBS

- 1. Identify swimming pool and hot tub systems and their components.
- 2. Calculate the volume and turnover rate of a pool using your local code.
- 3. Explain water quality issues related to swimming pools and hot tubs.
- 4. Identify and explain backflow prevention requirements for swimming pools and hot tubs according to local procedures and codes.

MODULE 02411-06 - PLUMBING FOR MOBILE HOME AND TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS

- 1. Describe the proper location, layout, and procedures for connecting sewer and supply lines for a mobile home park.
- 2. Explain code issues that are specific to mobile homes.
- 3. Describe a travel trailer park and its plumbing needs.
- 4. Describe a sanitary dump system.