

# Education in the Coatings Industry

*Hands-on training isn't the only reason to invest in coatings education. Understanding paint application is undeniably important, but there are several other reasons to expand your coatings knowledge.*

- **Credibility** – *Being able to provide informed answers to questions and fact-based knowledge and advice demonstrates your expertise and makes you a valued source of information to peers, clients, and potential clients. Increased credibility enhances your career opportunities and helps you function better in your current role.*
- **Competition** – *Stay at the head of the pack with industry-recognized accreditation from a third-party organization. Having independent validation of your skills and knowledge lets people know you deliver high-quality work.*
- **Reputation** – *When you acquire the knowledge necessary to achieve a high-performing coating project, you increase your personal reputation and the reputation of your company.*
- **Time** – *Continuing your education makes you fully informed and reduces the amount of time you spend researching solutions. It can also help prevent avoidable problems that you'd spend time solving later.*

*To help you get the knowledge you need, get to know the MPI Training Program.*

*The coatings industry is continually evolving and MPI has a comprehensive education program to assist you with the skills you need, particularly in architectural coating. MPI courses and examinations are all online, making them a convenient option for busy professionals.*

*Successful completion of all four courses can be combined with an Inspector Appraisal to earn the MPI Certified Architectural Coatings Inspector designation.*

## [Essentials of Paint and Painting Technology](#)

*Get the "industry minimum requirement" for coating knowledge with this fundamental course. It is designed to assist everyone understand the basics, including coatings contractors, paint sales representatives, and project specifiers. Successful completion earns the MPI Architectural Coating Technologist (ACT) designation.*

## [Architectural Painting Specification Manual](#)

*This course aimed at new build projects provides the knowledge required to specify products and prepare and coat a wide variety of new substrates. It helps you provide a quality finish that will give the performance level required. Successful completion earns the designation of MPI Architectural Coating Specialist (ACS).*

## [Maintenance Repainting Manual](#)

*This course helps prevent coatings failure from incorrect surface preparation on a repaint project. Learn how to assess the degree of surface degradation, how to prepare it for recoating, and what products should give the best performance. Earn the MPI Maintenance Coating Specialist (MCS) designation on successful completion.*

## [Paint Quality Assurance](#)

*The final course in the training program focuses on the quality control of a coating project and provides information on the inspection aspects required to maintain a quality, high performing, and long-lasting coating project. A successful completion earns the designation Paint Quality Assurance Specialist (PQA).*