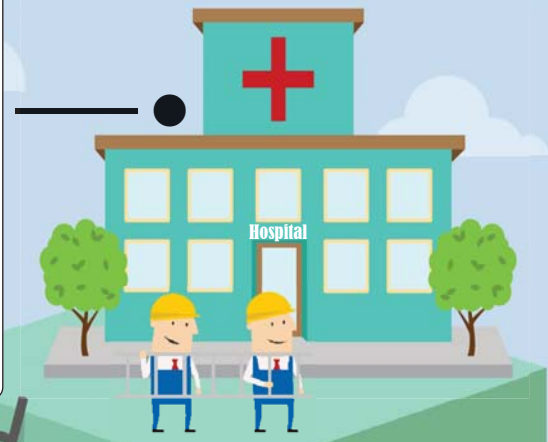


# Climbing the career ladder in inspection services

## 3 Commercial Certifications

- ✓ Obtain residential and limited commercial certifications (see below)
- ✓ Obtain additional commercial certifications. Four types:
  - Structural A-Level (no trade experience required)
  - Mechanical A-Level (no trade experience required)
  - Electrical Specialty (requires electrical trade experience)
  - Plumbing Specialty (requires plumbing trade experience)

**How:** Structural and mechanical A-Level certifications are only attained through ICC. Commercial electrical and plumbing specialty certifications are attained through BCD. All require passing the appropriate examinations. Obtaining these certifications allows an individual to perform any commercial inspection in the State of Oregon.



### Oregon Inspector Certificate (OIC)

- Required for all inspectors (4 hour class)
- Some experience in construction industry or coursework helpful
- Renews every three years



## 2 Limited Commercial Certifications

- ✓ Obtain residential certifications (see below)
- ✓ Obtain additional specialized certifications:
  - Specialized Electrical Course (8 weeks, \$200)
  - Specialized Plumbing Course (8 weeks, \$200)

**How:** Training is available through Oregon BCD (two classes per week, per course) or ICC. *Note: Students who take the BCD residential certification courses below have no waiting period before taking limited commercial certification courses. Students with ICC certifications must obtain one year of residential inspection experience prior to taking these courses.*



## 1 Residential Certifications

- ✓ Obtain the Oregon Inspector Certificate (four hour class)
- ✓ Obtain entry-level residential certifications:
  - Residential Structural Course (approx. 22 weeks, \$750)
  - Residential Electrical Course (approx. 20 weeks, \$750)
  - Residential Plumbing Course (approx. 12 weeks, \$750)

**How:** The Oregon Building Codes Division (BCD) provides courses taught by trade professionals in Salem or online (two classes per week, per course). Students with two years of construction experience may also attain certification for residential, structural and mechanical through the International Code Council (ICC).

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