

MEDIA RELEASE

Carson Dunlop Partners with Pennsylvania College of Technology

Des Plaines, IL (December 13th, 2012), Carson Dunlop and Pennsylvania College of Technology have formed a strategic partnership to offer a career home inspection training program. The comprehensive 10-course certificate program is available through distance learning. Content is delivered in a highly visual and easy to understand format. The noncredit program is focused on practical applied technical knowledge, providing a solid foundation for success in the home inspection field.

The comprehensive education program covering all aspects of the home inspection profession was created by two leaders in the field – Carson Dunlop and the American Society of Home Inspectors. The 10 courses were developed in collaboration with education design consultants and distance education specialists. Special Note: In Pennsylvania, you are required to participate in 100 home inspections, be a full member in good standing of a national/not-for-profit home inspection association (or be supervised by someone who is), comply with a code of conduct and attend continuing professional education classes as an ongoing condition of membership, and maintain insurance against errors and omissions and general liability coverage. These are not included with the online program.

“We are thrilled to be working in partnership with Pennsylvania College of Technology” commented Alan Carson, President of Carson Dunlop. The ability to offer our program through reputable colleges creates new opportunities for individuals looking to pursue a career in the home inspection field.”

“The partnership enhances Pennsylvania College of Technology’s ability to offer quality, relevant continuing education to our students. The new courses will broaden the variety of topics currently available at the college. We have the opportunity to make a difference every day in the lives of others on our campus, in the workforce, and throughout our communities.” said Shannon Munro – Executive Director, Workforce Development & Continuing Education.

The education program leverages Carson Dunlop's 34 years as a leading consulting engineering firm in the home inspection field. Carson Dunlop have considerable experience on the education side of home inspection, including classroom teaching, published textbooks, online courses, conference presentations, webinars, papers and articles.

The home inspection training program uses a consistent methodology across the 10 textbooks and CD-ROMs. The focus is on practical applied knowledge rather than theoretical discussion. As part of the education program, Carson Dunlop provides students with free access to their [cloud-based report writing system, Horizon](#), to help them develop the necessary report writing skills.

For more information about the non credit Home Inspection training program now offered by Workforce Development and Continuing Education at Pennsylvania College of Technology, please visit <http://www.pct.edu/wdce/>

About Pennsylvania College of Technology

Pennsylvania College of Technology became an affiliate of The Pennsylvania State University in 1989, after establishing a national reputation for education supporting workforce development, first as a technical institute and later as a community college.

Today, Penn College is a special mission affiliate of Penn State, committed to applied technology education.

Conveniently located in Williamsport (Central Pennsylvania), Penn College enrolls nearly 6,000 students in bachelor, associate, and certificate programs relating to more than 100 different career areas.

In addition, Penn College manages the state's largest worker training program through its Workforce Development and Continuing Education unit.

About Carson Dunlop

Carson, Dunlop & Associates Ltd. has been a leading Consulting Engineering Firm devoted to building inspection since 1978. They are one of the largest independent home inspection companies in North America that leverages their extensive technical knowledge across six integrated business lines - Home Inspection, Commercial Inspection, Report Writing, Energy Audits, Home Inspector Training and Continuing Education.

About Carson Dunlop Home Inspection Training

Carson Dunlop launched the Home Inspection Training division in 1990 to provide high quality education to new professionals entering the home inspection industry. The Home Inspection program was developed with education design consultants, and distance education specialists from Memorial University to create a uniquely comprehensive home inspection program. The courses can be taken in a self-study format from Carson Dunlop and are also offered in classroom and distance education formats by more than 20 colleges and universities.

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