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MVCC offers EPA's Renovator Lead Safe Work Practices Training for Spanish Speakers

Mohawk Valley Community College will offer a special lead safety training class for Spanish speaking individuals. This training will meet the requirements for the 8-hour Initial Lead Renovators Certification which is required by the EPA of all contractors and landlords working in pre-1978 housing, schools, or child-occupied facilities.

According to Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr., a key component to a successful strategy of eliminating the lead hazards associated with Oneida County's aged infrastructure is the accessibility of the EPA's Renovator classes locally.

"This can be achieved through the continuing partnership between Oneida County's Lead Primary Prevention program and MVCC, and the availability of classes designed to accommodate rental property owners and those seeking employment as contractors who have limited English proficiency." Picente continued, "If we are to eliminate lead poisoning of our community's children, much of which can be attributed to unsafe renovations, it is imperative that all residents can understand and apply the lessons taught in these training classes."

The 8-hour certification course is required for any renovators - without previous training - to become a certified lead-safe contractor. These courses are accredited by the EPA and being offered through the Center for Corporate and Community Education.

Since this class is taught completely in Spanish, Spanish speaking students should take advantage of this limited time opportunity.

In Utica, class will be held Thursday, December 2, from 8:15 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. at the MVCC Education Center, located at 524 Elizabeth Street. In Rome, class will be held Thursday, January 20, from 8:15 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. on the Rome Campus, located at 1101 Floyd Avenue.

The cost for this course is \$195.

Enrollment is limited and will be taken on a first come basis. For information or to register, call 792-5300 or visit mvcc.edu/cced. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Friday. All MVCC non-credit instruction is completely self-supporting, including indirect costs, and requires no public funding.

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