



# Online Training for Construction Professionals

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For any sector that isn't considered essential right now, work is hard to come by. The construction industry has been a mixed bag across states and localities, with some projects continuing and others on pause. While work may be scarce, many supervisors and business owners are looking for ways to keep their teams active and engaged. They're also trying to find methods to keep their employees working when everyone is supposed to be staying home and maintaining six feet of distance in public.

With that in mind, this pandemic is proving to be the perfect time to engage employees and crew members in online learning as a tool to further their careers. Here is a list of some online learning and training resources currently available for construction professionals during this unprecedented time.

### OSHA Online Safety Courses

Workplace safety is of the utmost importance when employees are on the job, but when everyone is working from home, it's easy for those rules

to slip their minds. That means it's the perfect time to take advantage of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) online safety courses. OSHA provides courses on everything from electrical safety and cranes and rigging to confined space entry. If OSHA has a rule about it, they also have a course supporting those guidelines.

The courses range from \$20 to \$159 per person and take anywhere from one to eight hours to complete. Many are mobile-compatible, meaning even team members without computers can take advantage of these classes. If there are any areas where a particular worker is lacking in knowledge or experience, this can be a valuable investment. The effort counts both toward their future safety and the protection of the company and job.

### Business and Financial Management

At its core, construction is just another type of business. Having a team that's skilled in both business and financial management can strengthen the entire company. Why not use this downtime to foster their education? The Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) offers various



courses designed specifically with the construction industry in mind.

Courses are available for both CFMA members and non-members. The organization offers some free classes, while others vary from \$140 to \$375.

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