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New Online Academy Meets Demand for Training Skilled Crafts Professionals Painting & Disaster Restoration Academy to Launch April 1

March 29, 2021 (West Bloomfield, MI) – The Painting & Disaster Restoration Academy, which provides training for high school students, Veterans and others looking for a career in a fast-growing, high-demand industry, will be open for enrollment on April 1.

Nationwide, there is a shortage of professionals working in painting and disaster restoration. In fact, according to National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER), it's estimated that there will be a demand for **1 million skilled craft professionals by 2023**.

“The Academy offers a convenient, affordable means for high school students, Veterans and others to gain the skills they need for a career in painting and disaster restoration,” said Kimberly Oderkirk, CEO. “Students can enroll in the Academy, complete their core coursework, and start their careers in as little as three months.”

The Academy is sponsored by the Greater Michigan Construction Academy which provides student certification by the nationally recognized certifying body, NCCER.

Three courses will be available on April 1:

- **Core Curriculum**, certified by the NCCER, includes basic safety, construction math, hand tools, power tools, construction drawings, basic communications skills, employability skills and material handling. It is the prerequisite class for both painting and disaster restoration.

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- **Tools for Success**, which helps students gain skills in the workplace through 13 modules including the job application process, building professional relationships, effective communication, managing stress and thinking critically and solving problems.
- **Know Your Hazards**, where students learn about the six major hazards that they should recognize on the jobsite including asbestos, bloodborne pathogens, electricity, lead paint, silica and hazard communication.

For more information, visit www.pdr.academy.

About Us

Through recruitment, training and placement, the online Painting & Disaster Restoration Academy will increase skilled craft workforce in safety, painting, and disaster restoration industries by encouraging high school students, Veterans and others to consider these fields.

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