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Uponor Hosts Largest Training Class Ever with Students from Local Community College

On Sept. 23, 2009, Uponor held its largest factory training class ever when more than 100 students from Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC) attended factory training at the North American headquarters and manufacturing plant in Apple Valley, Minn., to learn about PEX and receive their Uponor AquaPEX[®] certification.



Uponor Technical Services Supervisor, Dominic Marzitelli, instructs Rochester Community and Technical College students on how to make a proper ProPEX[®] connection.

Uponor, a supplier of radiant floor heating and cooling, PEX-a plumbing and fire sprinkler systems for the residential and commercial building markets, manufactures crosslinked polyethylene (PEX) tubing in their Apple Valley facility, and students were able to not only attend training, but also receive a tour of the factory to see how PEX is made.

“We have a long legacy of education and training for the trades industry,” says Wes Sisco, senior trainer at Uponor. “By offering training to college students, we are reaching out to the next generation to provide them with the instruction and tools they’ll need in the future.”



Uponor Customer Trainer, Steve Swanson, gives attendees an overview of the Climate Cöntrol™ line of products for radiant floor heating and cooling systems.

The students came from various backgrounds in the trades — plumbing, HVAC, mechanical — and all were interested in learning the benefits of using flexible PEX tubing in future jobs.

“I’ve been in the construction industry for several years as an HVAC contractor,” says Dan Malwitz, RCTC student and factory training attendee. “I’m seeing a jump in radiant floor heating projects and I want to get trained in it so I can do more jobs.”

Uponor’s factory training program consists of six different courses that focus on radiant floor heating and cooling systems as well as multipurpose plumbing and fire sprinkler systems.

In fact, as a special thank you to customers, Uponor is offering free factory training for the month of October 2009. To register, go to www.uponor-usa.com/training and click on the Training Schedules tab. Note that although the classes are free, participants are responsible for their own transportation and lodging.

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