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Introducing the new
NADCA
Dryer Vent Cleaning
Certificate Program



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Disclaimer

This presentation is not intended to be a comprehensive program covering all aspects of this topic. All technicians are encouraged to read and follow all applicable standards, codes and regulations related to this topic.

- ✔ It is the responsibility of each individual contractor to follow local building codes and licensing requirements and to work safely in accordance with OSHA guidelines.
- ✔ It is the contractor's responsibility to take proper precautions on each project to prevent cross contamination. Always take the health and safety of the building occupants into consideration before you conduct any cleaning procedures.
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What We'll Cover

- What is the Certificate Program?
- Purpose and Goals
- Why Now?
- Certificate Program Content
- What's Next?

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Dryer Vent Technician Certificate Program

What is the NADCA Dryer Vent Technician (DVT) Certificate Program?

NADCA has developed an entry level Certificate Program focused specifically on the pre-assessment, cleaning, and post-cleaning inspection of dryer exhaust systems.

Work has been completed over the past 12 months by a group of volunteers including current NADCA members and other recognized Subject Matter Experts from the Dryer Vent Cleaning industry.

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What is the NADCA Dryer Vent Technician (DVT) Certificate Program?

This program, similar to NADCA's VMT program, will provide technicians with an entry-level understanding of dryer exhaust ventilation systems and cleaning practices including:

- exhaust system components, construction, and function
- important safety practices for technicians
- safety considerations for clients and occupants
- exhaust system inspection practices
- cleaning equipment and methods
- post-cleaning verification methods

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Dryer Vent Technician Certificate Program

Purpose and Goals

The dryer vent industry dovetails well with NADCA's innate focus on air duct professionals. Air duct cleaners and dryer vent cleaners both work to make duct systems clean and efficient, and there is existing overlap between the industries already.

Developing resources for the dryer vent industry is a no-brainer, and a certificate program is good starting point to this goal.

This certificate is a first step in NADCA recognizing and welcoming an entire community that needs a home. The dryer vent community has no equivalent achievements or gatherings like we do in the air duct community through NADCA.

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Purpose and Goals

This certificate allows us to provide recognition and clarity to a largely unregulated and unrecognized trade—one that is growing and that many of us participate in.

The goal of the Dryer Vent Technician certificate program is to introduce the trade to those new to it and to encourage a common language and approach amongst those committed to the craft.

We expect that this will be helpful for existing technicians and owners to ensure they do not have major blind spots in their practices. It should also help orient new apprentices and technicians to proper industry practices.

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Why Now?

- There is increasing demand for trade resources and networking within the dryer vent industry.
- NADCA has access to an excellent body of Subject Matter Experts in order to action this forward.
- The DVT certificate program is a first step toward promoting a high level of excellence to the dryer vent industry and creating a home for this trade community. It also builds upon NADCA's existing efforts to the industry (Dryer Exhaust Duct Performance Standard, conference sessions, etc.).

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- Understanding Dryer Vents
- Safety for Technicians
- Containment and Occupant Safety
- Inspections and Assessments
- Cleaning and Verification

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Module 1: Understanding Dryer Vents

Key Points:

- Types of Dryers
 - Gas vs Electric, Type 1 vs Type 2
- Clothes Dryer Components
- Components of the dryer exhaust system
 - dryer interior, transition duct, main duct, termination cover
- Principles of exhaust operation

Purpose: Proper understanding of the function and components of a dryer exhaust system will help technicians understand the steps needed to ensure proper operation of the system at the end of a cleaning.

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Module 2: Safety for Technicians

Key Points:

- Having a Safety Plan and Policy
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Risks from Exhaust Contaminants
- Fall Protection/Rooftop Safety/Ladder Safety
- Weather Considerations

Purpose: Dryer exhaust cleaning can introduce many risks to the technician, both minor and major. Properly prepared technicians that can go home healthy every day will be happier and have longer careers.

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Module 3: Work Area Containment & Safety for Building Occupants

Key Points:

- Proper Hazard Communication
- Managing Customer Expectations
- Jobsite Assessment Strategies
- Lint/Debris Containment and Collection
- Property Care

Purpose: Communicating to your client and managing their expectations will help keep everyone safe during the job and happy afterwards. Protecting the environment from contaminants - both on the interior and exterior - is a key principle.

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Module 4: Inspections and Assessments

Key Points:

- Key Components of an Exhaust System to Inspect
- Characteristics of an Ideal Dryer Exhaust System
- Understanding Codes, Standards, and Manufacturer Requirements
- Performing Assessments of all Exhaust Components
- Proper Documentation

Purpose: Proper assessments will identify all aspects of an exhaust system and determine not only the need for cleaning but also any potential maintenance concerns. A thorough assessment will also inform the cleaning process from start to finish.

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Module 5: Cleaning and Post-Inspection Verification

Key Points:

- Rotational Agitation Cleaning vs Compressed Air Cleaning
- Negative Pressure vs Positive Pressure
- Use of Cameras both Pre and Post Cleaning
- Use of Vacuum Collection Devices
- Proper Site Clean-up

Purpose: Understanding the various methods and tool systems available will allow technicians to handle any situation they come across. Being able to adapt to the exhaust system and the accessibility will ensure success on all jobs.

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Now for the really exciting part...

What's Next?

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What's Next?

Certificate Program Live on NADCA.com:
Fall 2026

- Soon... we're just ironing out the final details.
- Keep an eye on your email.
- Be one of the first to prove your commitment to a higher level of service in the dryer exhaust cleaning industry.
- Separate yourself and your company from the rest.
- Show your current and potential customers that you're the expert.
- Give your technicians another step in their career ladder.
- Win bigger, better jobs and more of them!

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What's Next?

DryerVentCon 2026

The first of its kind 2-day conference focused completely on the dryer exhaust cleaning industry!

April 4th and 5th, 2026

- SeaWorld - Orlando, FL
- Coincides with days 1 & 2 of the NADCA Annual Meeting and Expo
 - Concurrent with ASCSICVI training courses and excursions
- Can be booked as a standalone separate from Annual Meeting

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What's Next?

DryerVentCon 2026

What to expect:

- Industry Specific Keynote Speaker
- General Sessions and Ignite Sessions
- Hands-On Training and Demonstrations
- Industry Specific Vendors
- Completion of the DVT Certificate Program
- Q & A and Feedback Sessions
- Dedicated Networking Gatherings
- Access to the Annual Meeting Welcome Reception

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What's Next?

The Dryer Vent Technician Certificate Program...

Is just Step 1 of 3

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What's Next?

Step 2 of 3:
Standard for Dryer Exhaust Cleaning
(Comparable to ACR)

Step 3 of 3:
Dryer Exhaust Cleaning Certification
Program
(Comparable to ASCS)

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