

## Thomson Higher Education Launches CompuTaught Online Home Inspection Courses

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### CompuTaught Offers New Online Pre-Certification Curriculum for the Home Inspection Industry

MASON, Ohio, Nov 15, 2004 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Thomson Higher Education, part of The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC) and a leading provider of personalized educational information, announced today that it will offer an online home inspection curriculum through its CompuTaught imprint. CompuTaught offers quality online courses that provide busy professionals with a fast, easy, and convenient way to satisfy education requirements.

"At Thomson, we're excited to expand our online courses to include the fast-growing area of home inspection," said Ed Moura, president, Thomson Business and Professional Publishing, the business unit that serves the real estate market with its growing suite of products. "Strategically, this opportunity fits with our overall planned growth to extend beyond our present set of online courses for real estate and to offer a greater depth and breadth of courses in real estate-related markets."

The world's largest home inspection association, the National Association of Certified Home Inspectors (NACHI), which serves over 9,400 home inspectors worldwide, reports that its membership is growing at an average rate of 300 per month. Given the industry growth, CompuTaught's online home inspection curriculum is coming at a perfect time to meet the needs of the many busy professionals considering entering this field who would benefit from the convenience of a user-friendly, interactive, and completely self-paced online experience.

CompuTaught's mastery and fluency-based learning system for home inspection features the following:

- Instruction tailored to the needs of each individual student to ensure mastery and fluency in each topic.
- Interactive tutorials that monitor learner progress and provide feedback as needed to help them learn the material easily and completely.
- Comprehensive coverage based on the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) training curriculum that includes traditional subject areas, as well as an emphasis on standards of practice.
- Best practices for successful business development -- equipping future home inspectors with practical tips and strategies they can immediately apply to develop their own successful home inspection practice.

"Currently, twenty-eight states have passed some form of licensing for home inspectors, and this number continues to expand. Many education providers are challenged to meet these licensing requirements, but CompuTaught's quality distance learning program has passed stringent state licensing requirements and professional association certification for more than 16 years. CompuTaught will now offer the home inspection professional a proven learning methodology to obtain the solid foundation of training needed for success," said Bud Hunsucker, senior vice president and general manager for the CompuTaught imprint at Thomson Business and Professional Publishing.

Earlier this year, Thomson purchased CompuTaught to complement its line of real estate and appraisal products. Founded in Marietta, GA., in 1989, CompuTaught was the first in the country to offer state-approved real estate licensing courses on computer and continues to be the leading developer of computer-based education for the real estate and appraisal professions. In addition to the new online home inspection courses, CompuTaught provides state-approved licensing courses in real estate and appraisal, including the National USPAP 15-hour Equivalent Course. It currently distributes its courses through more than 200 independent schools. For more information on CompuTaught, its online courses, or the CompuTaught Education Referral Network, visit <http://www.computaught.com>.

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