



Rookery Guided Independent Syllabus

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- While in training, keep your reading and study to the assigned and suggested readings provided here. Taking on more than the assigned readings can quickly become overwhelming. Not all information on the internet or in books is factual. Check with your mentor for additional reading suggestions.

Roadmap for training:

- Take at least TWO guided tours; one including the Burnham library and one without.
- Take your mentor's tour; meeting afterward to discuss training plan, set a target completion date and schedule additional mentor times and certification tour.

Instruction: While content is important, logistics are equally important! Executing the proper logistics is essential to passing certification. When taking a public tour, take special note of the tour logistics.

- Notice the verbal directions given to guide from one stop to the next.
- Notice how the guide corrects for touchers, leaners, straggling photographers.
- How did they handle questions?
- Could you hear the guide clearly, especially outdoors?
- Were you able to identify your guide's tour theme?

Online readings: On the web training page, click on each reading to download PDF.

Primary Readings for tour creation

- Rookery - Overview
- Rookery - Script
- Cards

Secondary Readings for background information

- The Rookery - Burnham and Root
- The Chicago School of Architecture
- The American Skyscraper
- Society of Architectural Historians - Buildings of the United States
- Rookery Building
- Preservation's Touchstone

Practice with your mentor: 'Pick a Room Challenge' – Prep. assignment for in-class mentor/practice time. *Instructions: Choose 2 interior stops from the 'core tour' and craft a station card for those stops.*