Principles & Practices of Biosafety
July 7-12, 2019
Pittsburgh, PA

A COMPREHENSIVE, INTERACTIVE 5-DAY COURSE

Principles & Practices of Biosafety will introduce the essential elements of biosafety and provide extensive resource lists for use after the course. Interactive exercises will be used throughout to provide hands-on experience and to encourage networking and problem-solving among participants and instructors. Sessions begin at 8:00 am each day and end with a roundtable discussion between 5:15 and 5:30 pm with two coffee breaks and lunch provided. The Friday session will end at approximately 5:00 pm.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course each participant will be able to:

• Describe potentially hazardous biological materials, the risks associated with their use, and the means to minimize risk and to protect against or prevent release or exposure
• Discuss ways to provide effective technical expertise in situations involving potentially hazardous biological materials
• Identify, locate, and efficiently use key biosafety resources

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is designed for persons who are entering the profession and those with up to 3-years experience in biosafety. It is also suitable for persons who supervise biosafety professionals and for those who will benefit from additional knowledge of biosafety as a complement to their primary responsibilities.

AGENDA (subject to change)

Sunday, July 7
• Registration

Monday, July 8
• Molecular Biology
• Introduction to Pathogenic Microbiology
• Risk Assessment

Tuesday, July 9
• Human Source Materials & Mammalian Cell Lines
• Research Animals & Allergens
• Biocontainment Equipment
• course dinner (6:30 to 9:00 pm)

Wednesday, July 10
• Biocontainment Facilities
• Biocontainment Practices
• Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Thursday, July 11
• Decontamination
• Disposal
• Emergency Response
• Biosecurity

Friday, July 12
• Shipment & Transfer of Biological Materials
• Occupational Health
• Strategies for Effective Biosafety Management & Communication
COURSE FACULTY (not all listed faculty may serve as instructors at this offering. Additional faculty may be added)

LouAnn Burnett, MS, CBSP  Brandon Hatcher, PhD, RBP  Carrie Smith, PhD, RBP, CBSP
Patrick Condrey, PhD, RBP  Paul Jennette, MS, PE, RBP, CBSP  Elizabeth Weirich, MS, CBSP
Natasha Griffith, MS  Paul Meechan, PhD, MPH, RBP, CBSP  Dee Zimmerman
Sunny Hoffman, RBP  Jeffrey Owens, MS, MPH, CBSP

COURSE FEES

ABSA Members $2,400  Nonmembers $2,610

Participation is limited to 48 students.

Course fees include:

- 5-full days of interactive instruction from a diversity of well-respected biological safety professionals.
- Electronic version of instructor’s handouts, key resource lists, and a variety of critical biosafety information and resources. **There is a $50 fee for hardcopy materials.**
- Lunch, beverages, and snacks for all course days.
- Registration on Sunday evening and class dinner on Tuesday evening (subject to change).

CONTACT HOURS

This course is approved for 36.50 P.A.C.E.® contact hours. ABSA International is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® Program.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved for ABSA International at the Embassy Suites—Pittsburgh Downtown

$169/night plus tax

EMBASSY SUITES—PITTSBURGH DOWNTOWN
535 SMITHFIELD STREET
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222


Ask the reservations agent for the convention/group code: “ABS”

Booking early allows us to make sure that all participants receive the same discounted rates. The block of rooms will be available until sold out or June 10, 2019 whichever comes first.
Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): ____________________________________________

Degree(s): __________________________ Position Title: ____________________________

Affiliation: __________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: _______ Country: __________ Zip/Postal Code: ______

Phone: __________________________ Fax: ________________________________________

E-mail: _________________________________________________________________

Emergency contact (include phone number): ______________________________________

How many years of work experience? __________ How many years specifically involved in biosafety? __________

Each participant will receive a PPB T-shirt at registration. Please indicate size:

☐ Small  ☐ Medium  ☐ Large  ☐ X-Large  ☐ XX-Large  ☐ XXX-Large

**Dietary Restrictions:** At each meal, several options will be presented; however, not all meals may be suitable for all persons. We will do our best to accommodate your *reasonable* requests. We regret that we cannot accommodate last-minute or onsite requests.

☐ vegan (strictly vegetable products)  ☐ vegetarian (dairy, egg okay)  ☐ lactose-intolerant (no dairy)
☐ Gluten-free

**Handouts:**

☐ Hardcopy of handouts preferred ($50.00 fee)

**Payment:**

☐ ABSA Member $2,400 U.S.D.  ☐ Nonmember $2,610 U.S.D.

☐ Harcopy of handouts $50.00

☐ Check enclosed (drawn in a U.S. Bank on U.S. funds; made payable to ABSA International)

☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ American Express

Credit Card Number: ____________________________ Exp. Date: __________

Name on Credit Card: ______________________________________________________

Confirmed, paid participants will be sent detailed information about the course, location, and other items of interest. Substitutions allowed with notice by June 3, 2019. There is a 15% processing fee for cancellations received before June 3, 2019. Cancellations between June 3, 2019 and June 10, 2019 will be refunded at 50% of the course fee. No refunds will be given after June 10. Cancellation fees may be waived if there is a waiting list and a replacement can be made - 15% processing fee will apply.

**Register by mail or fax:**

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