**Principles & Practices of Biosafety℠**

February 9-14, 2020
San Antonio, Texas

**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, February 9**
- Registration

**Monday, February 10**
- Molecular Biology
- Introduction to Pathogenic Microbiology
- Risk Assessment

**Tuesday, February 11**
- Human Source Materials & Mammalian Cell Lines
- Research Animals & Allergens
- Biocontainment Equipment
- course dinner (6:30 to 9:00 pm)

**Wednesday, February 12**
- Biocontainment Facilities
- Biocontainment Practices
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**Thursday, February 13**
- Decontamination
- Disposal
- Emergency Response
- Biosecurity

**Friday, February 14**
- 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  Sunny Hoffman, RBP  Carrie Smith, PhD, RBP, CBSP
Patrick Condreay, PhD, RBP  Paul Jennette, MS, PE, RBP, CBSP  Elizabeth Weirich, MS, CBSP
Natasha Griffith, MS  Paul Meechan, PhD, MPH, RBP, CBSP  Dee Zimmerman
Brandon Hatcher, PhD, 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—Riverwalk

$240/night plus tax

EMBASSY SUITES—RIVERWALK
125 E. HOUSTON STREET
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205

To make reservations: 1-800 Embassy

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 January 18, 2020 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.

☐ Hardcopy 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 January 6, 2020. There is a 15% processing fee for cancellations received before January 6, 2020. Cancellations between January 6, 2020 and January 13, 2020 will be refunded at 50% of the course fee. No refunds will be given after January 13. 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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