Principles & Practices of Biosafety®
March 12-17, 2023
Alexandria, VA

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 3:00 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 three year’s 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)

Monday, March 13
- Molecular Biology
- Introduction to Pathogenic Microbiology
- Risk Assessment

Tuesday, March 14
- Human Source Materials & Mammalian Cell Lines
- Research Animals & Allergens
- Biocontainment Equipment
- Course Dinner (6:30 to 9:00 pm)

Wednesday, March 15
- Biocontainment Facilities
- Biocontainment Practices
- Biocontainment Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Thursday, March 16
- Decontamination
- Disposal
- Emergency Response
- Biosecurity

Friday, March 17
- Shipment and Transfer of Biological Materials
- Strategies for Effective Biosafety Management & Communication
COURSE FACULTY  *(not all listed faculty may serve as instructors at this offering)*

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

COURSE FEES

**ABSA Members $2,550**  **Nonmembers $2,760**

*Participation is limited to 48 students.*

Course fees include:

- Five full days of interactive instruction from a diversity of well-respected biological safety professionals.
- Instructor’s handouts, key resource lists, and a variety of critical biosafety information and resources.
- Lunch, beverages, and snacks for all course days.
- Welcome Reception 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. The American Biological Safety Association 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 at the **Embassy Suites by Hilton Alexandria-Old Town**

$239/night plus tax

**EMBASSY SUITES by HILTON ALEXANDRIA-OLD TOWN**

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.
REGISTRATION - PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES OF BIOSAFETY®—ALEXANDRIA, VA

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): _________________________________________________________________
Degree(s): ___________________________  Position Title: ____________________________________________
Affiliation: ________________________________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________  State: _______  Country: _________  Zip/Postal Code: ___________
Phone: ____________________________________  E-mail: _________________________________________
Emergency Contact Name: ___________________________________________  their : _______________________
How many years of work experience? ______________  How many years specifically involved in biosafety? _________
T-Shirt size:  Small_____  Medium_____  Large_____  XL_____  XXL_____  

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 reasonable requests. We regret that we cannot accommodate last-minute or onsite requests.

☐ vegan (strictly vegetable products)  ☐ lactose-intolerant (no dairy)
☐ vegetarian (dairy, egg okay)  ☐ other:________________________________________
☐ gluten free

Payment:
☐ ABSA Member $2,550 U.S.D.  ☐ Nonmember $2,760 U.S.D.
☐ Check (drawn in a US Bank on US funds; made payable to ABSA International)
☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ American Express
Credit Card Number: ___________________________  Exp. Date: ______________  CVV:_____
Name on Credit Card: ___________________________

Cancellation Policy: Confirmed, paid participants will be sent detailed information about the course, location, and other items of interest. Substitutions allowed with notice by February 13, 2023. There is a 15% processing fee for cancellations received before February 13, 2023. Cancellations between February 13, 2023 and February 20, 2023 will be refunded at 50% of the course fee. No refunds will be given after February 21, 2023. Cancellation fees may be waived if there is a waiting list and a replacement can be made - 15% processing fee will apply.

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