



Principles & Practices of Biosafety

July 18-23, 2021
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 18

- Registration

Monday, July 19

- Molecular Biology
- Introduction to Pathogenic Microbiology
- Risk Assessment

Tuesday, July 20

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

Wednesday, July 21

- Biocontainment Facilities
- Biocontainment Practices
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Thursday, July 22

- Decontamination
- Disposal
- Emergency Response
- Biosecurity

Friday, July 23

- 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
Patrick Condreay, PhD, RBP
Natasha Griffith, MS
Sunny Hoffman, RBP

Brandon Hatcher, PhD, RBP
Paul Jennette, MS, PE, RBP, CBSP
Paul Meechan, PhD, MPH, RBP, CBSP
Jeffrey Owens, MS, MPH, CBSP

Carrie Smith, PhD, RBP, CBSP
Elizabeth Weirich, MS, CBSP
Dee Zimmerman

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**

\$199/night plus tax

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

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 whichever comes first.*



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The Association for Biosafety and Biosecurity

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 June 13, 2021. There is a 15% processing fee for cancellations received before June 13, 2021. Cancellations between June 13, 2021 and June 20, 2021 will be refunded at 50% of the course fee. No refunds will be given after June 20. 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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