

American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) Certification & Training Academy
DRAFT Agenda

Monday July 24, 2023 - C&T Academy

7-8:00am	Breakfast on your own
8:00am	Welcome
8:15am	Icebreaker
8:45am	What is a Certification and Training Program?
9:15am	Who is Involved in Certification and Training?
10:15am	Break
10:30am	Who is Involved in Certification and Training?
11:00am	Group Exercise
11:30am	Lunch and Free Time (1:15)
12:45pm	Initial Certification – The First Step to Insuring Competency
1:45pm	Role of Precertification Training – Preparing Applicators for the Exam
2:45pm	Break
3:00pm	Recertification – The Process of Insuring Competency
4:00pm	Building Your Program
5:00pm	Adjourn for the day

Tuesday July 25, 2023 - C&T Academy

7-8:00am	Breakfast on your own
8:00am	Review / Questions
8:15am	Recap of Exam Process and National/Regional Manuals and Exams
9:00am	Reviewing the New Certification and Training Plan
9:30am	Roundtable: Implementation of C&T Plan and Program Development
10:30am	Break
10:45am	Roundtable: Implementation of C&T Plan and Program Development
11:15am	How to Collaborate Effectively with Your Stakeholders
12:00pm	Lunch and Free Time
1:00pm	Roundtable: Training for Non-traditional Audiences
2:00pm	Reviewing and Writing Section 18 and Section 24c
3:00pm	Break
3:15pm	Breakout Exercise – ID Barriers and Develop Ideas for Solutions
4:15pm	Wrap up, Final Questions, and Survey
4:35pm	Adjourn for the day

DRAFT Agenda Topic Abstracts

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What is the Certification and Training Program?

History of how the pesticide C&T program developed. What were the major milestones along the way? Reasons for certification and how the FIFRA regulatory requirements came to be.

Who is Involved in Certification and Training?

Learn who C&T serves and its importance. How does C&T fit in the big picture? How does certification and training both interface with industry? Group discussion to follow panel discussion.

Group Exercise

Based on answers to a homework sheet, differences and similarities in C&T programs from state to state will be shared.

Initial Certification – The First Step to Ensuring Competency

The Basics: What is Competency? What does that mean? Private versus commercial applicator certification, federal and state categories, clarifying terms (licensing and certification, etc.). Are there state variations in categories and certification? What are the hurdles that states face given these differences? Group discussion to follow speakers.

Role of Precertification Training – Preparing Applicators for the Exam

All about precertification training: what it is, manuals and manual development issues, relationship between SLA and Extension important in manual development, other approaches beyond manuals (audience response system or remote/virtual, etc.), and examples/show and tell

Recertification – The Process of Maintaining Competency

Purpose and approaches to recertification: Using county extension personnel, continuing education, workshops, re-examination, etc. Recertification issues: accreditation process, CEU tracking and attendance, and online recertification. Short group discussion to follow panel discussion.

Building Your Program Using the GROW Method

How to build and grow a C&T program using resources available to you and ideas on partnerships and funding sources you may not have thought about to support your program going forward.

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Recap of Exam Process and National/Regional Manuals and Exams

Overview of the exam development process, exam standards, and exam administration and security to protect your investment. Examples of successful national, regional, and local collaborations. How to find and use these available resources. How does online testing and license ID card systems work?

Reviewing the New Certification and Training Plan

Recap on the major new requirements. Reasons why not all states were affected equally. How are SLAs addressing areas that need improvements? And how is EPA working with the states to meet the regulations.

Roundtable: Implementation of C&T Plan and Program Development

Roundtable discussion on the key issues to be addressed in their approved C&T plan and what their next steps of implementation will be. Also highlight any effects on future program development. What issues must be solved?

How to Collaborate Effectively with Your Stakeholders

How to involve stakeholders in your program, develop relationships, organize an advisory committee and who to include, and gain insights on training needs, upcoming issues, and expertise.

Roundtable: Training for Non-traditional Audiences

Learn how training must be adjusted to meet the needs of applicators that do not speak English as their native language or how to reach the Plain community during the pandemic when virtual was not an option for them.

Writing and Reviewing Section 18 and 24c

No abstract... this topic was a new addition.

Breakout Exercise – Identify Barriers and Develop Ideas for Solutions

The pre-survey identified 3 barriers. After participating in this Academy for 2 days, you now have a toolbox to help develop at least two ideas to solve that barrier. Then solutions from each group will be shared.

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