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ABSAs BBTC FORT COLLINS AUGUST 10-14, 2026

FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

A WEEK-LONG COURSE COVERING ANIMAL, GENERAL, AND PLANT BIOSAFETY AND BIOSECURITY

The weeklong training will address preparations for audits and inspections, BSL-2/BSL-3 building design and operations, clinical and public health lab biosafety, prion disease research, and field investigations. Participants will receive intensive and engaging training on aspects of biosafety and biosecurity, including interactive exercises and greenhouse tour. All lunches and an off-site dinner on Tuesday will be provided. The BBTC emphasizes the ethics and principles of biosafety and is a perfect follow-up to ABSAs Principles & Practices of Biosafety course. Please note: ABSAs International BBTC is solely an ABSAs International course and is not affiliated with other organizations or institutions.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

Animal Sessions (Audience Level: Intermediate)

- Describe the latest facility design for animal containment in large and small facilities
- Explain biosafety in prion disease research
- Summarize biosafety for field investigations

General Sessions (Audience Level: Intermediate)

- Summarize the general principles of biosafety and biosecurity
- Discuss biosafety management, select agent regulations, emergency response, risk assessment and management
- Recognize inspection and audit preparation, dual use research of concern, biosafety cabinet certification, insectary design and management, clinical and public health biosafety and biosecurity

Plant Sessions (Audience Level: Intermediate)

- Distinguish how crop security networks and plant diagnostic laboratory's function
- Apply basic greenhouse design and management
- Identify the principles for transgenic plant and infectious disease research containment and synthetic biology

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is intended for those biosafety professionals in the middle to expert level of the profession. Disciplines represented include biosafety, biosecurity, laboratory designers, laboratory management, program managers, vivarium management, maintenance and engineering. Participants include individuals from universities, private industry, and government. ABSAs Principles & Practices of Biosafety® is a recommended prerequisite.

COURSE FACULTY *(not all listed faculty may serve as instructors at this offering)*

Lon Kendall, DVM, PhD
Candace Mathiason, PhD
Kevin Castle, DVM
Laura Pulscher, PhD
Erin Smith, MS, RBP
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