



10V. Infectious Substance Shipping Program Management

November 10 through November 14, 2025 | 1:30 pm – 3:10 pm CST
Virtual Professional Development Course



Instructors:

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Overview

This course is tailored for individuals responsible for establishing and overseeing infectious substance shipping programs within their facilities. This webinar series aims to assist institutions in developing robust shipping programs tailored to their needs. Course elements include: training; written policies; written descriptions of program plans; transport and shipping specific SOPs; safety and security plans; emergency response plans; logistics and supplies; carrier selection and support; MOUs and authorizations; access control and personnel assurance. The instructor will provide a detailed and comprehensive shipping program assessment and implementation guidance document. Attendees will receive an introduction to this document and step-by-step guidance on its completion. By completing the assessment document, attendees will conduct a thorough review to identify areas for improving existing shipping programs. This interactive, instructor led, web-based training will invite attendees to share examples of how these elements are addressed at their own institution.

What You'll Learn


- **Development and Oversight of Infectious Substance Shipping Programs** – establish program components such as training, SOPs, safety/security plans, and emergency response procedures
- **Program Assessment and Implementation Guidance** – use a comprehensive assessment tool to evaluate and improve current shipping practices
- **Regulatory Compliance and Operational Logistics** – ensure personnel assurance and regulatory compliance in program operations


Objectives:


- Evaluate external and internal requirements or conditions that impact shipping policies and program components at a facility, emphasizing the relevance of international regulations (ICAO TI), international standards (IATA DGR), and other guidance (CDC, WHO, CWA) for developing a robust shipping program
- Recognize the components of a shipping program and utilize provided tools and templates to assess current shipping program elements, identifying opportunities for improvement
- Compare and contrast various approaches to setting up a shipping program (centralized, decentralized, hybrid), and gain an understanding of the advantages and disadvantages associated with each


Suggested Background: IATA Infectious Substance Shipping Certification

 **Who Should Attend:** Experienced Biosafety Professionals, Infectious Substance Shipping Managers & Trainers

 **Course Logistics:** Course is five 1-hour 40-minute sessions. Attendees will need to log on 15 minutes prior to the start time. There will be a 15-minute break each session. To receive credit and a certificate, attendees must attend the session and complete or access all course modules. The course materials are for **registered participants only**.

 **Course Fees:** ***ABSA Member: \$500 Non-member: \$670**
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 **Credits:** This course has been approved for **1.0 CM points** toward RBP/CBSP recertification. *ABSA International is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® Program. This course is approved for **8.0 P.A.C.E.® contact hours**. Course access links are unique and for individual use only. **Sharing is prohibited**. Duplicate logins or unregistered attendees will be removed from the webinar without a refund.

 **Questions:** Contact: Kari DeServi, MEd, Director of Education, ABSA Office, 866.425.1385 (toll free)
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Registration Form

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Each participant will receive a unique, non-transferable link to access the course. These links are intended for individual use only. If multiple entries under the same name appear on the Zoom attendee list, or if unregistered names are detected, all such entries will be removed without refund. Sharing or unauthorized use of webinar links is strictly prohibited.

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