



### 3V. IATA Infectious Substance Shipping Certification

September 9, September 11, September 14, September 16 and  
September 18, 2026

12:30 pm – 2:10 pm CDT

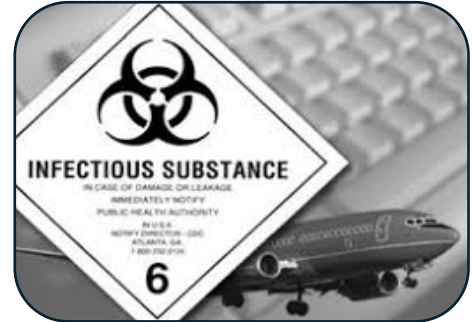
Virtual Professional Development Course

#### Instructor:

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#### Overview

This course provides essential training for individuals seeking IATA certification for infectious substance shipping. Designed for participants with some prior experience in handling or shipping infectious substances who may not have been certified within the past three years, the course is delivered through five 100-minute online sessions. Each session is followed by homework assignments that reinforce practical skills such as classifying, marking, labeling, packaging, and completing documentation for various infectious substance shipments (Category A, Category B, Exempt Patient Specimens). These assignments replace traditional classroom activities and are required for successful course completion. This course is suitable for personnel responsible for packaging, marking, and labeling shipments of all categories of infectious substances, including dry ice and liquid nitrogen. To earn a certificate and course credit, participants must complete all assignments and pass (80% or better) a written exam administered at the conclusion of the course. *Note that IATA certification is issued by the employer.*



#### Objectives:

- Demonstrate competency to meet IATA infectious substance shipping certification requirements
- Identify and demonstrate how to properly package, mark/label, document and prepare shipments of category A and B infectious substances and other non-regulated biological materials
- Summarize the regulatory changes over the past several years and be able to apply them to meet regulatory re-training requirements

**Audience Level:** Basic

**Suggested Background:** None

**Who Should Attend:** New Biosafety Professionals, All Safety Professionals, Laboratory Workers

**Course Logistics:** Course is five 100-minute sessions. Attendees will need to log on 10 minutes prior to the start time. To receive credit and a certificate, attendees must attend all the sessions and complete or access all course modules. The course materials are for **registered participants only**. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Due to the nature of the course, the recording of the course will only be available to those who attended the live virtual session and participated in the course assignments.

**Course Fees:** **\*ABSA Member: \$550 Non-member: \$735**  
\*To receive the ABSA member rate, participants must be current ABSA members during the training year. Fees include course handouts, access to the ABSA International training site, and 8 hours of expert-led interactive instruction. Notice:

**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.

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**Register:** **By phone:** (866) 425-1385 or **Online:** [www.absa.org](http://www.absa.org)  
*Confirmed, paid participants will be sent detailed information regarding the course within a few days prior to the course. Substitutions allowed with notice by 7/24/2026. There is a 15% processing fee for cancellations prior to 7/31/2026. No refunds after 7/31/2026.*