

**BETTER PROCESS CONTROL SCHOOL | PURDUE UNIVERSITY |
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE | MAY 22-25, 2023 | 8:00 AM-5:00 PM ET****REGISTRATION**

About the School The Better Process Control School certifies supervisors of thermal processing systems, acidification, and container closure evaluation programs for low-acid and acidified foods in closed containers. All low-acid and acidified food processors must have a certified supervisor on hand at all times during processing. This school satisfies the training requirements for both FDA and USDA regulations.

Requirements for Certification

Each person planning to be certified as a supervisor of a special thermal processing system, or systems, must attend the lecture and pass the examinations for those specific subjects, in addition to the lectures and examinations on the following subjects:

1. Food Microbiology of Canning
2. Food Container Handling
3. Food Plant Sanitation
4. Records for Production Protection
5. Principles of Thermal Processing
6. Process Room Instrumentation, Equipment, and Operation

Each person planning to be certified as a supervisor of container closure inspection only is required to attend the lectures and be examined on the subject in the list above (except for number six) and one or both of the following, depending upon the type of closure to be inspected:

1. Closures for Metal Containers
2. Closures for Glass Containers

Certification

It is the responsibility of Purdue University to identify to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration the names and employers of those persons who satisfactorily complete this course of instruction and to identify which thermal processing systems and container closure operations have been completed. The unsatisfactory completion of any portion of the course will not be reported to the FDA. Certificates

of completion will be prepared and provided to each person who successfully completes the course. The certificate received from this training does not expire. Purdue Food Science Department will maintain the certificate training record.

Examination

Experience with the Better Process Control Schools has shown that students benefit when the examination on the subject covered in the course of instruction is given immediately following the lecture and group discussion for that subject. For this reason, examinations will be given at appropriate intervals throughout the school and graded as quickly as possible, so that students are aware of their positions in the course. 9th edition of *Canned Foods: Principles of Thermal Process Control, Acidification and Container Closure Evaluation* manual will be provided. Exams are standardized by the Consumer Brand Association with approval of the FDA. A minimum score of 70% for each exam is required for passing.

Registration

The cost of this training is \$750.00 per person. Credit Card payments can only be processed through online registration or a phone call to a Registration Assistant at (866) 515-0023. If you need a mail-in registration and want to pay by check, call the number above and provide your address. The registration form will be mailed to you including the return address. A substitute from the original registrant's institution or company may attend the seminar. Contact Purdue Conferences at least 5 days prior to the training date to make those changes. Purdue University is not responsible for costs incurred due to cancellation. International registrants attending in-person or online must register by April 24, 2023. National online or in-person registrants must register by May 1, 2023.

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Agenda Lectures are delivered from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM ET daily. From 2:00 to 5:00 attendees are expected to complete the exam portion. Exams **MUST** be completed daily over the content presented that day.

Attend In-person or Online

In-person: This event will be hosted in person. The workshop lectures will be held at Purdue University, Philip E. Nelson Hall of Food Science Building (NLSN) located at 745 Agriculture Mall Dr., West Lafayette, IN (Main campus). Attendees will complete the exams on their own time using the Purdue Online learning-management system online. Computers will be provided but attendees are encouraged to bring their personal laptops. Attendees must provide an email in order to be given access to the learning management system (not a proxy email).

Online: Online training is delivered remotely in real-time via Zoom. Attendees do not need a Zoom account, camera, or microphone but can use them if they wish. Attendees will have the opportunity to see the classroom and ask questions using the chat box is preferred. Attendees will complete the exams on their own time using Purdue Online learning-management system. Access to the system will be provided prior to training. Chapter exams must be completed the day the material is presented. A strong internet connection is needed if attending the training in the online format. **Attendees MUST provide their homes addresses in order to receive the training materials and MUST provide an email to receive the link for the event (not a proxy email).**

Refund Policy

All event attendees must pay in advance in order to attend an event. Refunds of fees paid in advance for non-credit activities may be made for a participant who subsequently is unable to attend and who requests in writing a refund prior to the event. All refunds will be processed in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. If registration cancellation is received by Purdue Conference 45 or more days prior to the start of the event, the refund will be 100% of the attendee's deposit;
- b. If registration cancellation is received by Purdue Conferences less than 45 days but 15 or more days prior to the start of the event, the refund will be 50% of the attendee's deposit;
- c. If registration cancellation is received by Purdue Conferences less than 15 days prior to the start of the event, the attendee will not receive a refund of the attendee's deposit.

No refunds will be provided for registration cancellations or adjustments resulting in a balance of less than \$50.00.

A refund will not be made to a participant who has attended any of the sessions. Exceptions may be made if, in the judgment of the Chairperson and Event Planner, extenuating circumstances exist that prevent full attendance. A request for refund may require that some or all fees be withheld if costs were incurred based upon the assumption that the individual would attend. Substitutions are generally preferable to refunds. If a participant is unable to attend a program, another individual may be substituted if Purdue Conferences is notified and provided with the needed information about the new participant.



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