Microbial Contamination Control in Bioprocessing Operations

January 15–17, 2019 • December 3–5, 2019

Course Fee: $1,630

In this course, you’ll gain a fundamental understanding of the sources of microbial contamination in biopharmaceutical manufacturing. You’ll learn how to evaluate contamination risks and implement corrective and preventative measures to ensure a state of microbiological control in facilities and processes. In addition, you’ll learn about recent regulatory expectations for control of contamination. In attending this course, you will learn about:

- Potential sources of microbial contamination
- Regulatory expectations for a contamination control strategy
- Best practices in management of microbial contamination, to include monitoring programs for detection of bioburden and endotoxin
- Best practices in equipment, process, and facility design
- Risk assessment applied to control of contamination, and
- Best practices in sanitization and disinfection

For additional information, please contact John Balchunas, BTEC’s Assistant Director of Professional Development Programs, at john_balchunas@ncsu.edu.

Course schedule

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<td>Explain the difference between terminal sterilization and aseptic processing</td>
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<td>List potential microbial contaminants in bioprocessing</td>
<td>Identify bioprocessing equipment and their critical design features to ensure contamination control</td>
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What short course participants say about this course

“I much enjoyed the courses and I would even re-take the course again just because of the material presented and the instructor.”

“The course was very informative and it used real life situations that [are] applicable to biomanufacturing.”

“Instructor was very knowledgeable of the subject. Information was not too deep or shallow.”

About the instructor

Lucia Clontz, D. H.Sc., M.S., is the Site Quality Head for Xellia Pharmaceuticals in Raleigh. She has more than 26 years of industry experience in quality, pharmaceutical microbiology, laboratory management, operational excellence initiatives, and training. She is a published author, speaker and workshop leader at both national and international conferences, and in 2004, she received the Parenteral Drug Association’s Distinguished Editor/Author award. She served as a member of the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Pharmaceutical Waters Expert Panel (2010-2020) and currently holds an appointment as a BTEC Teaching Fellow.

Important information for short course participants

Location

This course is held on site at BTEC. The Golden LEAF BTEC building is located at 850 Oval Drive on NC State University’s Centennial Campus.

Payment

BTEC accepts payment from all major credit cards including American Express, Visa, and MasterCard. If you wish to pay by company check, please email melody_woodyard@ncsu.edu for additional information immediately after registering.

Discounts available

A 20% discount is available to:

- Employees of NC Biotech Manufacturers Forum (BMF) member companies
- Groups of five or more from one company registering for the same offering of this course
- Individuals registering for more than one course at a time
- Society of Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology (SIMB) members

A 30% discount is available to faculty/staff working in academic environments.

Pre-course communication

Registered course participants will receive an email two weeks before the scheduled course with detailed information regarding travel to BTEC, parking information, and a short pre-course questionnaire.

Short course cancellations

CANCELLATION BY REGISTRANT

To cancel a registration and be eligible for a refund of course fees, you must notify BTEC by email. Fees are refunded according to the following schedule:

- 100% refund – If notification is received at least 15 business days in advance of course start date
- 75% refund – If notification is received 10–14 business days in advance of course start date
- 50% refund – If notification is received 6–9 business days in advance of course start date
- No refund will be issued if notice is received 5 or fewer business days in advance of course start date

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