



State & University Structural Pest: TRAINING CENTERS

Many states have structural and urban pest management training centers for the pest management industry. State inspectors and specialists often attend these programs for focused training. ASPCRO put together a complete list of all structural and urban pest management training centers that are open for out of state participation for state regulatory inspectors and specialists.



FLORIDA

Pest Management University

University of Florida

<https://pmu.ifas.ufl.edu/>

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Annual Entomology Field-Day & Workshop

Florida A&M University

<http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?continuing&EntomologyFieldDayandWorkshop>

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PMU was created as a cooperative effort between the University of Florida pest management industry, and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACCS), the regulators of the pest control industry in Florida. Our goal is to both teach and demonstrate all aspects of home and commercial pest control, providing trainees with both improved knowledge and practical experience. **Participants from all states are welcome.**

The Florida A&M University (FAMU) Annual Entomology Field-Day & Workshop provides current information, training and continuing education credits for pest-control professionals in Florida and other states. The agenda will feature such categories as household pests, termites, lawns and ornamentals, and core subjects. Additional classes on Wednesday include fumigation and public health.

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University of Florida School of Structural Fumigation

University of Florida, Ft. Lauderdale Research and Education Center

<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fumigation/>

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Southeast Pest Management Conference

University of Florida, Department of Entomology and Nematology

http://entnemdept.ifas.ufl.edu/sepmc/Main_Page.html

Dr. Philip Koehler & Dr. Roberto Pereira
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GEORGIA

University of Georgia Pest Management Training Program

University of Georgia, Department of Entomology

<http://www.gabugs.uga.edu>

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This course offers:

- a complete review of all technical aspects of structural fumigation
- instruction by a team of over 15 qualified and experienced Industry Experts and University of Florida faculty
- a combination of classroom, laboratory, and field demonstrations
- hands-on training with fumigation equipment including: fumiscope, interscan, SF ExplorIR, rate calculators, and SCBA
- instruction in avoiding fumigation errors with "tips from the professionals"
- updates on recent fumigation research and changes in labeling and regulations
- Instruction in identifying structural pests controlled by fumigants

The Program offers hands-on, topic-specific training programs covering: sub termites, bed bugs, residential IPM, commercial IPM, and pest management in schools. We also provide a 10-week (once a week for 10 weeks) nighttime course (6-9 PM), and also offer 2-hour webinar program every other month (8-10 AM EDT). Contact Dr. Suiter if you would like to sign-up for course announcements.

INDIANA

Purdue Structural Pest Control Training Program

Purdue University

<https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/ppp> > Commercial Applicators > Training Brochures

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Purdue Pesticide Programs, in co-operation with the Office of Indiana State Chemist offers workshops designed to introduce termite control operators, university personnel, and federal and state regulatory officials to the fundamentals of wood destroying pest control. Topics include: pest identification and biology, pest inspection and reporting, treatment techniques on common foundation types, and the use and calibration of application equipment. University, regulatory, and private-sector specialists provide instruction and facilitate active learning tailored to audience needs.

NORTH CAROLINA

Structural Pest Management Training & Research Facility

NC State University - Dept. of Entomology

<http://entomology.ncsu.edu/training>

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The training facility has a classroom and outdoor demonstration components for teaching termite management and ID and management programs for ants, flies, and stored product pests. Training is being expanded to include distance education accreditation courses for PMPs on a variety of topics relevant to residential and commercial pest management

OKLAHOMA

Pinkston Education Facility for Structural and Urban Pest Control

Oklahoma State University, Pesticide Safety Education Program

<http://pested.okstate.edu/>

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Recognizing the importance of structural pests, members of the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology at Oklahoma State University (OSU) along with Oklahoma Pest Control Association (OPCA) and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry (ODAFF) envisioned a multi-state facility where hands-on training is combined with classroom teaching methods. Pest control technicians from Oklahoma and surrounding states are attending the 2 day school as part of their pesticide certification procedure. Applicators learn minimum standards and proper liquid and bait application techniques for subterranean termite treatments. Students also learn about the biology of termites as well as nontraditional treatment methods.

The Pinkston Education Facility (PEF) provides students access to many different construction examples and treatment problems. Students learn to identify six different types of floor slabs along with different types of piers and voids. Students also learn proper application techniques for pre-construction treatments as well as post treatment equipment selection and use.

PEF also offers a one day General Pest and Food Processing Practical and a one day Fumigation Practical. The General Pest practical addresses problems and situations arising in the treatment of general pests

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such as, cockroaches, ants, spiders and other nuisance pests in homes and commercial restaurants. It also addresses issues and problems with pest control in commercial food processing, food packaging situations. The Fumigation Practical addresses quality storage and treatment of on-farm and commercially stored grains. The primary focus is on monitoring, sealing, and fumigation of grain storage facilities.

PEF works in cooperation with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry to provide Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training (PIRT) programs as well as FIFRA training programs for State inspectors.

TENNESSEE

Apprentice Termite Technician School

Tennessee Department of Agriculture

<http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forms/AppTerRegJun.pdf>

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This is a comprehensive course designed for those applicators beginning or needing a refresher course in the area of structural pest control. Topics covered are: biology of termites, other wood destroying insects and their damage, calculations, calibration and trenching, inspections, treatment methods and techniques, safety, labels, etc.

TEXAS

Currently "under development

<http://citybugs.tamu.edu/experiencehouse/>

We are working to develop an IPM Experience House training facility at our Dallas Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center. We have had initial interest from TDA in participating as trainers at the site. Our hope for the site is that it would be used to help train new TDA inspectors.

WASHINGTON

WSU Structural Pest IPM

WSU Urban IPM and PSEP

Washington State University; Puyallup Research and Extension Center

<http://structuralpest.wsu.edu/>

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Our goal is to train professionals to reduce the number of inaccurate wood-destroying organism inspections and reduce the potential health risks from unnecessary or improper pesticide applications. A trained workforce of structural pest inspectors and pest management professionals will be more knowledgeable about identification of structural pests, conditions conducive to pest infestations and integrated pest management (IPM) techniques. We offer hands-on training at the WSU Puyallup Structural Pest IPM Facility where course participants have an opportunity to find and identify structural pests, learn how to conduct WDO inspections, and complete a WDO inspection report, and hear about effective management strategies.