



Advanced Training in Sterile Compounding Essentials for Designated Persons

This course will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday, August 27 – Friday, August 28, 2026 | [Registration link](#)
- Thursday, March 4 – Friday, March 5, 2027 | [Registration link](#)
- Thursday, November 4 - Friday, November 5, 2027 | [Registration link](#)

Registration Deadline: fourteen (14) days before the event or when capacity is met

Course Description: This 20-hour advanced training program is designed for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and other health care professionals who are current or aspiring to become a Designated Person, supervisor, or quality assurance professional within sterile compounding environments. Grounded in the latest standards of USP <797> and <800>, the course equips participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure compliance, safety, and quality in compounding practices. Through a combination of foundational home study modules, interactive discussions, case studies, and practical assessments, participants will be well-prepared to uphold the highest sterile compounding standards in their facilities. At the end of the program, participants will be able to identify compliance gaps and implement corrective action initiatives.

For optimal learning, this course is recommended for participants who are familiar with basic sterile compounding practices through previous training or experience, including USP <797> and <800> Chapters. Participants with limited experience in sterile compounding are encouraged to sign up for the optional Personal Hygiene and Garbing Competency Assessment.

Target Audience: This course is designed to provide training for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and other health care professionals. This course is ACPE accredited for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians.

Participation Requirements: Successfully complete the 7–hour home study (available in early December 2025) before attending the live, in-person class. The participant must physically be able to stand for a minimum of 1 hour.

Location of Event: The 13–hour in-person training will be at the Aseptic Compounding Experience (ACE) Lab, located in the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy: 715 Sumter Street Columbia, SC 29208.

Program Faculty:

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Disclosure Statements:

Disclosures: Both George Smith and Krystal Brashears Stefanyk report the following disclosures: honoraria from ARL Bio Pharma, and honoraria from Pharmacy Purchasing Product Magazine. George also is a Pharmacy Consultant for ARXIUM. All other faculty, planners, reviewers, staff, and CPE committee report no financial or personal relationship with any ineligible company that produces, markets, resells, or distributes a product or service that appears in this program. There is no commercial support for this program.

Program Registration Fees, Cancellation and Refund Policies

Registration: To register, visit <http://cop.sc.learningexpressce.com/>

Registration Fees: Overall Course: \$1,400*^T

**Please note that fees will show as "Learning Express" on your credit card statement.*

^T includes a \$200 non-refundable course fee.

Registration is limited and will be taken on a first come first served basis. Fee includes: training (home study and on-site), food (as mentioned below), digital versions of the educational materials, ACPE continuing education credit (CPE), and ACPE Certificate Program recognition with successful completion of the requirements.

For the two-day live training program breakfast, lunch, coffee, and snacks will be provided. Please inform us via the registration question and/or email if you have any dietary restrictions/lifestyles, or food allergies.

Travel Information:

- Registrants are responsible for any travel expenses. A list of nearby hotels is provided in the "Course Material(s)" section after registration.
- Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE) is the nearest airport.

Handouts/Slides: Will be available to all participants to download/print prior to the course in the "Course Material(s)" section when they are available (this section is only accessible after registration).

Cancellation/Refund Policy:

- Policy applies to self-pay, third-party billing (including NABP code), and voluntary transfers.
- To cancel the course and receive a refund (minus the \$200 non-refundable course fee), you must email the request to CE@cop.sc.edu on or before **thirty (30) days before the live program date**. All refund requests submitted after that deadline will be denied.
- If you enroll in the course after that deadline, you will NOT be eligible to receive a refund. Similarly, if you voluntarily transfer to a later course date, you will not be eligible to receive a refund.
- USC COP reserves the right to cancel the entire program. In the event of a conference cancellation, each participant will be notified via phone and/or email at least 14 days prior to the live program date and a full tuition refund will be made or transfer to a later course date.
- In the event of inclement weather, the decision to cancel a course will be made no later than 9:00 am Eastern time the day before the program.

Registration transfers:

- Individuals attending the course in place of the registered individual will be honored if the request is made at least 7 days before the live program date. Email CE@cop.sc.edu to facilitate.
- Individuals wanting to transfer to a later date must email CE@cop.sc.edu at least 14 days prior to the live program date, no changes can be made less than 14 days.

Registration Deadline:

- **Registration will be accepted up to 14 days prior to the live program or when capacity is met.**

Continuing Education Credit Requirements: To obtain continuing education credit, participants must successfully complete the home study and pass the post-test prior to arrival. Upon arrival, sign-in, have attendance verified, attend the program in its entirety, and successfully demonstrate certificate-based competencies using planned simulations, and competency test, along with fully completing the associated online evaluation before the deadline. Failure to complete the evaluation within 30 days of attendance may result in loss of credit. The NABP CPE Monitor will not accept credit submitted greater than 60 days from the date of attendance.

Accreditation Information: The University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education with Commendation. This certificate-based activity has been approved for a total of **20 contact hours (2.0 CEUs)**, made up of **13 hours of live education and 7 hours of home study continuing education credit**, ACPE # 0062-0000-25-116-B07-P/T and Certificate program # 0062-25-004-CP



Please contact CE@cop.sc.edu or 803-777-9979 with any questions regarding registration!

Program Schedule: All times shown are Eastern (specifics are subject to change)

Day 1:

Time	Group	Session
8:00 – 8:15a	Both	Welcome, Introductions and Course Overview
8:15 – 9:15a	Both	Personal Hygiene & Garbing
9:15 – 10:00a	1	Personal Hygiene & Garbing Demo
	2	Cleaning, Disinfecting, Decontamination, & Deactivation
10:00 – 10:15a	Both	Break
10:15 – 11:00a	1	Cleaning, Disinfecting, Decontamination, & Deactivation
	2	Personal Hygiene & Garbing Demo
11:00 – 11:45a	1	Cleaning, Disinfecting, Decontamination, & Deactivation (Demo, Q&A)
	2	Inspection & Survey Readiness
11:45a – 12:30p	Both	Lunch
12:30 – 1:15p	1	Inspection & Survey Readiness
	2	Cleaning, Disinfecting, Decontamination, & Deactivation (Demo, Q&A)
1:15 – 2:15p	Both	Environmental Monitoring
2:15 – 2:30p	1	Environmental Monitoring Demo
	2	Break
2:30 – 2:45p	1	Break
	2	Environmental Monitoring Demo
2:45 – 3:45p	Both	Facility Design & Workflow
3:45 – 4:15p	Both	Q&A and Wrap-up

Day 2:

Time	Session
7:00 – 8:15a	Personal Hygiene and Garbing Competency Assessment* – NO CE
8:15 – 9:15a	Advanced Topics in BUD Assignment
9:15 – 10:15a	Interpreting Certification Reports
10:15 – 10:30a	Break
10:30a – 12:00p	Final Assessment
12:00 – 12:30p	Final Assessment Debrief
12:30 – 1:15p	Lunch
1:15 – 3:15p	Putting it All Together
3:15 – 3:30p	Wrap-up

*Optional course for an additional fee. No CE offered for this assessment.

Learning Objectives:

*At the conclusion of this activity, the **pharmacist** and **pharmacy technician** will be able to:*

1. Identify the roles and responsibilities of a Designated Person under USP <797>
2. Analyze examples of sterile compounding practices for alignment with USP standards
3. Compare personnel training programs and competency assessments to USP <797> requirements
4. Describe how to prepare for and respond to inspections and surveys of sterile compounding areas
5. Analyze environmental monitoring data for trends and potential risks
6. Discuss facility design and workflow to align with USP <797> and <800> requirements
7. Apply best practices in beyond-use dating assignment to different compounding scenarios
8. Evaluate example room certification reports to USP standards and best practices
9. Develop corrective and preventive action strategies to address identified compliance issues and deviations
10. Conduct a gap analysis between an institution's current sterile compounding operations and USP standards and best practices