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PFC Course Descriptions

Core Cannabis Training (CCT)

CCT provides the foundation of all PFC educational programs and is the prerequisite for any additional trainings. The CCT program is taught in sections, providing a well-rounded understanding of the history of medical cannabis laws, cannabis as medicine, cannabis science and research, and running a safe cannabis business.

- **PFC Core Cannabis Training: Cannabis as Medicine**
The course gives participants an overview of the most current cannabis research, how cannabis works in the body, different varieties of cannabis and cannabinoids, and the various cannabis-based pharmaceuticals currently available.
- **PFC Core Cannabis Training: Business Operations**
The course teaches how to deliver the best quality of care to customers, how to handle interactions with Federal Law Enforcement, what to do in an emergency situation, and how to ensure the safety of cannabis products.
- **PFC Core Cannabis Training: Understanding the Law**
The course is an overview of federal cannabis laws, the history of medical cannabis laws, which states have medical cannabis laws, and the conflict between state and federal laws.
- **State Specific Compliance Training (SSCT)**
These courses are designed to give individuals a comprehensive foundation of knowledge of the laws pertaining to Cannabis businesses, as well as, the regulations that govern day to day operations. The SSCT course is broken into two components: state and local laws & state and local regulations.



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National Cannabis Standards Training (NCST)

NCST is designed to educate industry professionals about the particulars of compliance specific to the AHP Cannabis monograph and AHPA guidelines. The NCSTs are available in four (4) cannabis industry disciplines including cultivation and processing; manufacturing, packaging, labeling and holding; distribution; and laboratory analysis.

- **PFC National Cannabis Standards Training: Cultivation and Processing Operations**

This course is designed to educate industry professionals about the particulars of compliance specific to the AHPA Recommendations to Regulators. Learn the skills necessary to implement Good Agricultural Practices including pesticide guidance, facility requirements, water resource management, recordkeeping, product safety recall systems, adverse event recording, and information disclosure.

- **PFC National Cannabis Standards Training: Manufacturing, Packaging, Labeling and Holding Operations**

This course is designed to educate industry professionals about the particulars of compliance specific to the AHPA guidelines. The training is designed for individuals engaged in the manufacturing of cannabis and derived product and provides the tools necessary to comply with Good Manufacturing Practices.

- **PFC National Cannabis Standards Training: Laboratory Operations**

This course is designed to educate industry professionals about the particulars of compliance specific to the AHP Cannabis Monograph and AHPA guidelines. This guide is designed for individuals performing laboratory analysis of cannabis and cannabis-derived products. The guide will examine good laboratory practices and facility security, sample handling and disposal, data management, personnel safety and hygiene, and reporting activities that may be unique to laboratories analyzing cannabis, cannabis-derived products, and hemp samples.

- **PFC National Cannabis Standards Training: Distribution Operations**

This course is designed to educate industry professionals about the particulars of compliance specific to the AHPA guidelines. In this guide you will learn the skills necessary to implement Best Management Practices relating to the distribution of cannabis and derived products directly to compliant individuals through storefront operations, delivery services, direct-from-garden operations, and growing co-op operations.



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PFC Enrichment Courses (PFCEC)

PFCEC offer individuals specialized Cannabis industry education ranging from Pesticide Guidance and Integrated Pest Management to QA/QC and Representative Sampling. PFC Enrichment Courses can be utilized to fulfil continuing education requirements for staff PFC Verified Professionals and are part of the required courses for PFC Verified Professionals and PFC Accredited Auditors seeking to achieve and maintain accreditation.

- **PFC Enrichment Course: Pesticide Guidance and Integrated Pest Management**
This course offers individuals specialized cannabis industry education that includes key definitions pertaining to pesticides and how to properly read a pesticide label. The trainings explore the importance and function of tolerance thresholds, major chemical families, Restricted Entry Intervals (REI's), and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's) as well as employee safety and employer responsibilities. You will also learn the key components to developing a successful Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. This guide is highly recommended for all cultivation and processing management personnel.
- **PFC Enrichment Course: Sustainable Cultivation**
Designed to help cultivators reduce their impact on the environment, this course provides tools for reducing the carbon footprint of cultivation operations as well as the use, recycling and reuse of mediums. In addition, this course discusses appropriate nutrient use, the consequence of mined and imported materials, and the proper storage of chemicals. Water source development, use, storage and reduction techniques are also addressed in this course as is the proper tracking of materials used during the cultivation process.
- **PFC Enrichment Course: Quality Control Quality Assurance and Batch Sampling**
This course offers individuals specialized education that includes developing and implementing Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) systems, including method validation and General Manufacturing Practices (GMP's) as they relate to QA/QC topics. Additionally, this guide will explore "representative sampling" techniques and how to apply them to cultivation, processing, and manufacturing operations to ensure consistent product purity and quality as well as accurate labeling. This guide is strongly recommended for management working in a Cannabis business.
- **PFC Enrichment Course: Advance Endocannabinoid System**
This course offers individuals specialized education that covers how cannabis works in the human body and in-depth look at current research. The course covers how THC, CBD, and other substances work in the human body by stimulating the endocannabinoid system and is recommended for people with a base knowledge in medical cannabis and in areas such as manufacturing, marketing, education, product development, laboratory managers and technicians, doctors and nurses.
- **PFC Enrichment Course: Internal and External Auditing for Cannabis Operations**
This course offers individuals specialized education including audit protocols; how to administer checklists, questionnaires, and document reviews; and guidelines for conduct and travel tips. The course also covers etiquette and appropriate protocols for interacting with staff and management at the location being audited as well as organizational techniques necessary for writing a final audit report.