

Bloodborne Pathogens Train-the-Trainer Program Summary

What is the goal of the program?

The goal of the Train-the-Trainer program is to establish a minimum standard in bloodborne pathogens (BBP) training curriculums among MSU departments that perform their own BBP training. This will be accomplished by providing additional training and resource materials for individuals who are designated as qualified trainers in such departments.

Trainers will attend an annual Train-the-Trainer seminar provided by the ORCBS to enhance their knowledge of bloodborne pathogens, the MSU Exposure Control Plan and MIOSHA's regulatory requirements.

Trainers will also receive training materials to use in their presentations that cover the minimum required elements for initial BBP training. Upon request, the ORCBS biological safety staff will work with trainers to develop department-specific training.

What will the Train-the-Trainer seminar cover?

The Train-the-Trainer course will include a review of all topics covered in the ORCBS's bloodborne pathogen initial training course. Specifically, the following topics will be addressed:

- Regulatory requirements of MIOSHA's "Bloodborne Infectious Diseases" standard
- MSU's Exposure Control Plan (ECP)
- Principles of exposure control
- Personal protective equipment selection
- Biohazardous waste handling
- Exposure incident response
- Recordkeeping

How will the program be maintained?

Trainers who have attended the seminar will receive updated information from the ORCBS regarding the Exposure Control Plan and regulatory requirements on an ongoing basis to include in the training.

Trainers will be required to attend an annual update meeting in order to maintain their status as departmental BBP trainers. This annual meeting is essential to assure that all trainers receive information regarding any program changes and to exchange ideas for increasing the effectiveness of BBP programs at MSU.

For further information contact the ORCBS at 355-0153.