

# BETTER PROCESS CONTROL SCHOOL

## ACIDIFIED (2 DAYS) AND LOW ACID CANNED FOODS (4 DAYS)

### April 28, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and introduction of participants
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Chapter 1: Introduction
9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Chapter 2: Microbiology of thermally processed foods
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Chapter 15: Mild Thermal Process
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Chapter 8: Introduction to thermal processing

### April 29, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	Welcome back
9:05 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Chapter 3: Sanitation for Retorts and Atmospheric Cookers
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Chapter 5: Double Seamed Metal and Plastic Containers
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Chapter 6: Closures for Glass and Twist off Plastic Containers
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Chapter 7: Flexible and Semirigid Containers

### April 30, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome Back
9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Chapter 4: Cleaning for Continuous Cookers
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Chapter 9: Retort equipment and operation

### May 1, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome Back
9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Chapter 10: Batch Saturated Steam Retorts: Still and Agitating
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Chapter 12: Retorts with Over Pressure: Still and Agitating

A test will follow the lecture and discussion for each chapter. Passing grade for each test is 70% or more correct answers. If a lower grade is obtained, the same exam may be retaken the following day.

To be certified as having successfully completed the acidified course, one must attend the lectures/discussions and must pass the tests for Chapters 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 15; for LACF certification one must complete Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.

If you fail to be certified at this school in any necessary area/chapter, you may repeat the appropriate lectures and tests at any SPA-sponsored Better Process Control School(s) in the future at no additional instructional fee.

If needed, reexaminations may be taken at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> or the 4<sup>th</sup> day or on Friday, May 2, 2025.