

BETTER PROCESS CONTROL SCHOOL

ACIDIFIED (3 DAYS) AND LOW ACID CANNED FOODS (5 DAYS)

April 20, 2026

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
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3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Chapter 15: Mild Thermal Process

April 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	Welcome back
9:05 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Chapter 8: Introduction to thermal processing
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Chapter 3: Sanitation for Retorts and Atmospheric Cookers
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Chapter 3: Sanitation for Retorts and Atmospheric Cookers
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Chapter 5: Double Seamed Metal and Plastic Containers

April 22, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome Back
9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Chapter 6: Closures for Glass and Twist off Plastic Containers
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Chapter 7: Flexible and Semirigid Containers

April 23, 2026

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
12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Chapter 9: Retort equipment and operation

April 24, 2026

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/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 3rd or the 4th day or on Friday, April 24, 2026.