

NEPMA

NEW ENGLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

ASSOCIATE CERTIFIED ENTOMOLOGIST EXAM PREPARATION PROGRAM & EXAM

Certification can lead to better visibility, opportunities, and jobs.

FEBRUARY 5 & 6, 2018, HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES, MARLBOROUGH, MA

In today's increasingly complex and highly-specialized market, credentials are very important. Sure, you know you've got the skills to do the job, but how do you convince potential customers and employers you're the best one for the job? For many career-minded pest management professionals, certification is often the answer.

Many organizations such as schools, hospitals, government agencies, factories, and food-handling facilities require independent certification for their pest control contractors. Being a certified professional or having certified professionals on staff can give you or your company the edge it needs to compete successfully with other pest control providers. And certified employees benefit from an increased sense of pride and accomplishment when they achieve certification.

The Entomological Society of America, established as the industry leader in certification through its Board Certified Entomologist (BCE) program since 1992, offers certification for the structural pest management industry. Launched in May of 2004, the Associate Certified Entomologist (ACE) program is rapidly becoming the industry-standard for professionalism and training.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ACE CERTIFICATION?

In addition to being recognized for your experience, knowledge, and professional certification, ACEs receive:

- a high-quality uniform patch to wear on their uniforms
- an attractive lapel pin to identify their status as ACE
- a static cling decal to display on business or vehicle windows
- a professional certificate of accomplishment for their office wall
- a professional card to carry in their wallets
- the opportunity to display the letters ACE after their name (e.g., John Doe, ACE) to signify their accomplishment
- the ability to use the ACE logo in their promotional advertisements (employers can use the logo as long as they have one or more Associate Certified Entomologists on their full time staff)
- discounted rates to attend the ESA Annual Meeting
- assistance in developing press releases to help promote their certification
- free subscription to American Entomologist (AE)





DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME AN ACE?

- Are you a practicing pest management professional?
- Do you have at least 5 years of verifiable pest management experience?
- Would you like to obtain a certification by exam from the Entomological Society of America (ESA) and become an Associate Certified Entomologist (ACE)?

If so, join us at the NEPMA ACE Exam Preparation Program. The program will offer training from entomologists here in New England on the following topics.

TOPICS:

- Entomology, identification, biology, life cycles, and practical control measures for important structural pests
- Ecological principles and environmental impacts pertaining to pest control
- Integrated pest management (IPM) principles
- Pesticide technology and resources
- Organizations and associations of significance to the pest control industry
- Laws and regulations affecting the industry

ACE EXAM PREPARATION PROGRAM INFORMATION: (Please follow both steps - this is a two-part process!)

(If you plan to take part in our program and sit for the ACE exam, please follow both steps below. If instead you want to take our program, but test at a future time, you do not have to register with ESA first! (The \$395 ESA fee includes the first three years of certification and the cost of the exam.)

1. If you plan to take the ACE exam as part of our program, you must be approved by ESA and pay the \$395 fee to ESA to be eligible to take the ACE exam. (The approval process takes 30 days!) Please visit the ESA website at <http://www.entocert.org> (click on "Certification" near the top left of their homepage and click on the "Become an Ace" tab on the next page or call ESA at (301) 731-4535 for an application and information about the ACE program. If you are not approved in time for the exam, you may still attend our ACE program and then schedule your exam with ESA for a later date. (Regardless of when you plan to take the exam, you must apply to ESA beforehand.) (Once you pass the ACE exam, you are ACE certified until 3 years from your application approval date.)
2. Register for the NEPMA ACE Preparation Program online or by submitting this form including your payment of \$250 (NEPMA members) or \$350 (non-members) to NEPMA. All participants planning to take the exam must bring a laptop or tablet with wireless internet capability and an updated web browser.
3. (Optional but Recommended!): On November 14, 2017, NEPMA will host an informational session on the ACE program for those who register to focus on program readiness including study tips and reference materials.

DATE AND LOCATION: Monday, February 5 & Tuesday, February 6, 2018, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Marlborough, MA

The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the 5th and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on the 6th with the exam to immediately follow lunch. Lunch will be provided both days. You must register with ACE no later than 30 days before the class since ESA must pre-approve you to take the exam. (Send exam payment to ESA)

NEPMA 2018 ACE EXAM PREPARATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION: REGISTER ONLINE AT tinyurl.com/2018-ACE-Training OR COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

- I have submitted my ACE application to ESA and paid the \$395 fee.
- I will bring my laptop or iPad for the online exam.
- I will attend the November 14, 2017 ACE information session at 1:30 p.m. at Forshaw, Inc., Canton, MA (ACE Program registration required!)
- I will attend the review course but will take the exam at a later date and I will register with ESA at a later time and schedule my exam with ESA directly.

Cost: \$250.00 (NEPMA Members) \$350.00 (non-members)

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