

PHLTC 2025

Public Health Laboratory Training Conference

Request for Session Proposals

On behalf of the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL), in collaboration with the Centers for the Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Public Health Laboratory Training Conference 2025 (PHLTC-25) Planning Committee invites you to submit session proposals. The PHLTC-25 is scheduled to be held September 10 – 12, 2025 in Portland, Maine. This will be a hybrid conference with some in-person sessions streamed to the virtual audience. Conference registration is expected to open in April.

Proposals will be accepted for plenary and breakout sessions. Presenters will be required to attend in-person. Proposals should fit the theme of the conference: *Training in 2025: The Next Generation of Training*. Proposals should help meet the overall goal of the conference of connecting public health laboratory trainers while sharing model practices, successes and challenges in training. Content-specific proposals (e.g., how to clean a microscope) should focus on an aspect of training related to that content (e.g., design of a workshop to teach how to clean a microscope, or how the information is best modified for different audiences).

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- **General Training Development and Implementation**

CDC [Quality Laboratory Training Standards](#), adult learning principles, developing goals and learning objectives, training modalities, producing videos, learning management system use, eLearning authoring systems, training needs assessments, presentation skills, connecting with the audience, training evaluation

- **Essential Professional Skills Training**

Leadership, meeting facilitation, LEAN, project management, professionalism in the workplace, mentoring and coaching

- **Outreach and Training with Partners**

Best practices in outreach or tailoring outreach to partners (e.g., clinical laboratories, LRN Sentinel laboratories, environmental laboratories, toxicology laboratories, forensic laboratories, hazmat first responders, law enforcement, infection prevention, epidemiology, academic institutions), lessons learned from a Training Partner Exchange

- **Quality and Safety Training**

Biosafety, risk assessments, risk management, monitoring and evaluation, pre-analytical processing (e.g., specimen collection), hazardous waste management, new employee training, training resources

- **Virtual or In-Person Workshops, Seminars, Webinars, Training of Trainers and Other Trainings**

Chemical and biological threat preparedness, microbiology, mycology, parasitology, molecular biology, packaging and shipping, hands-on instrument training, method validations and verifications, competency assessments, virtual reality, artificial intelligence

Submit a proposal: [PHLTC 2025 Call for Session Proposals](#)

Please use this ASCLS reference for writing your session objectives:

[PACE_Manual_Current_2023](#)

Deadline for proposal submissions: January 31, 2025