



## 2019/2020 ACE Study Track Enrollment Packet

**Please join us in our 2019/2020 ACE Study Track hosted by the Michigan Pest Management Association**

MPMA is excited to host a year long ACE Study Track to help pest management professionals achieve the Associate Certified Entomologist Certification through the Entomological Society of America. We have many eligible and qualified PMPs throughout the Midwest who have been planning on getting their ACE, but have kept putting it off. **Well, here's your chance and you can earn CEUs while you study!**

### Why get ACE Certification?

Certification can lead to better visibility, opportunities, and jobs. In today's increasingly complex and highly-specialized economy, credentials are so important. Sure, you know you've got the skills to do the job, but how do you convince potential customers and employers you do? For many career-minded professionals, certification is often the answer. Learn more at <http://www.entocert.org/ace-certification>

### Why is the ACE Study Track for me?

MPMA will offer guidance and assistance throughout the application process, suggest study materials, host study group Saturdays and then host a one day training and proctoring event. We can help with letters of recommendations, questions about the application, creating a resume, etc...

With our year long ACE Study Track, you get the benefit of multiple study sessions, a longer window to study, take practice exams, and ask questions, and the ability to ask for guidance on questions you may have throughout the process. We've seen this slower and more thorough approach help more candidates achieve their ACE Certification. And yes, you also earn CEUs as you go through the process.

Also, the exam day will consist of a study review in the morning and a proctored exam in the afternoon. You will learn the results of your testing immediately.

Just follow this step-by-step ACE Study Track Timeline and you'll be ready.

### February 2019 - Determine if you qualify & Enroll in workshop

- 1) Determine if your eligible to apply for the ACE Certification
  - a) Without a Bachelor's degree in Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 5 years pest management experience
  - b) With a Bachelor's degree in Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 3 years pest management experience
  - c) With a Master's degree in Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 2 years pest management experience
  - d) With a PhD in Entomology Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 1 years pest management experience
- 2) Email enrollment form to [rwise@mipca.org](mailto:rwise@mipca.org)
- 3) Begin gathering your documents for the ACE Application to ESA
  - a) Work history/CV/resume indicating at least 5 years of experience in the pest control industry. Resume must include your job title, job description, company address, supervisors' contact information, and employment dates – sample work history document is attached
  - b) 2 professional reference letters – sample professional reference letter is attached

### April 2019 - Complete Application Process

- 1) Complete and submit the application to ESA
  - a. The application is online at <http://www.entocert.org/ace-applicationprocess>
  - b. An application is also included in this packet
- 2) Include your work history document
- 3) Include your 2 professional reference letters
- 4) Include a copy of your current pesticide applicator's license
- 5) Include the license fee of \$355 for ESA members, \$395 for non-ESA members
- 6) Remember to order the Study Guide (IPM for the Urban Environment) for \$49

- 7) The MPMA will be your proctor and the ACE Workshop is approved as a testing date. Please use these as your selections for the exam. (It's already filled out in the attached application for your convenience.)
- 8) You will get an email back from ESA letting you know if you have been approved or not.

### May through Mid-February 2020 - Review study materials

- 1) Attend our hosted and CEU qualifying Study Saturday Sessions – locations will be announced closer to the date so we can minimize travel time of all involved. CEU categories will be announced prior to each Study Saturday.
  - a. October 12, 2019
  - b. November 9, 2019
  - c. December 7, 2019
  - d. January 11, 2020
  - e. Proctored exam on February 11, 2020
- 2) Thoroughly study and review study guides and books
- 3) IPM for the Urban Professional: A Study Guide for the Associate Certified Entomologist
- 3) NPMA Field Guide to Household Pests
- 4) More study material, along with a sample ACE exam can be found at <http://www.entocert.org/studying-ace-exams>
- 6) We encourage you to study, study, study.

# 2019/2020 ACE Study Track Enrollment Form

The ACE Study Track proctored exam will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Firekeeper's Casino in Battle Creek at 11177 E Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014

Bill Welsh of Rose Pest Solutions and Jeff Spencer of Griffin Pest Solutions will be the instructors and proctors.

The ACE Workshop starts at 8:30 am on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 with a 4 hour classroom review of the testing material.

There will be a 30 minute break for lunch at 12:30 pm.

The proctored exam will begin at 1:00 pm.

The exam is online and exams are graded instantly. There will be several laptops provided, although you are encouraged to bring your own.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be bringing my own laptop \_\_\_\_ No, I will not be bringing my own laptop

Fees: MPMA Members \$175 Non-Members \$215

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to MPMA

Mail completed form to  
MPMA  
PO Box 26546  
Fraser, MI 48026-6546

Or email to [rwise@mipca.org](mailto:rwise@mipca.org)



\* \*PLEASE MAIL OR FAX YOUR REGISTRATION IN TO HOLD YOUR SEAT! Fax: 586-269-9581

The following ACE Information & Application is for referral only.

ESA now requires ACE candidates to fill out the ACE Application online by visiting

<https://www.entocert.org/ace-application-process>