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Online Training Available

<https://pmu.ifas.ufl.edu/>

<https://eces.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Additional Resources

University of Florida
Extension Publications

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Pest Management in and
Around Structures

<http://www.eXtension.org/>

PMU Focus – Valentine’s Issue

By: Faith Oi

We are receiving a lot of questions about how the Foundations and Masters courses can lead to taking the state examination at PMU. Those of you who have been long time friends of PMU know that the Masters courses fill quickly, especially the fall courses. We encourage you to plan ahead. Investing in education is just like the financial world: You have to make the time to do it and maintain your portfolio.

To qualify to take the state exam at PMU, you must:

- Take the Foundations **and** Masters courses for GHP, WDO, or L&O
 - Fill out an application package for the certified operator exam [online](#) **at least one week** before the exam
 - The exam packet is controlled by FDACS, not PMU.
 - There is a separate for the examination application fee.

Our [April 26-28 GHP Masters](#), [May 24-26 Termite Masters](#), and [Nov 1-3 L&O Masters](#) courses are open! Similar to the Structural Fumigation School (<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fumigation/>), the state has graciously allowed us to hold the state certified operator examination at the end of each Masters course. We hold optional reviews in the evenings.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

...Did you know that PMU can help you by

- Partially satisfying the 482/5E-14 requirement for initial technician training hours?

- Providing training that meets statutory requirements for the WDO endorsement for ID cardholders?

February 2017 Offering:

Foundations of Termite Management 101

Date: Feb 15-17, 2017; W-F

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC

Time: 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)

Registration fee: \$375

Learn how termites exploit over 50 building construction elements and how to treat them in a hands-on environment in 2-days instead of 2 years.

- Practice doing a DACS vehicle inspection and spill drill with Paul Mitola from DACS before a crisis occurs.
- Hear about the top 5 reasons technicians get in trouble and how to avoid them from Mark Ruff, industry attorney.
- Get more in-depth information on termite biology and behavior as well as product label navigation.

[Register here](#)

March 2017 Offerings:

Foundations of Lawn and Ornamentals Pest Management 101

Date: March 1-3, 2017; W-F

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC

Time: 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)

Registration fee: \$375

- Learn about the general Florida licensing requirements for technicians and sales staff.
- Be able to pass DACS vehicle inspections, practice doing a spill drill, and learn the best ways to minimize risks before, during, and after an application.
- Learn to identify diseases, insects, and weeds in lawns and ornamentals and best management practices for their control.
- Gain hands on experience reading and understanding pesticide labels, calculating treatment areas, and

calibrating application equipment for lawns, shrubs, and other ornamental plants.

[Register here](#)

WDO Inspections and Form 13645

Date: March 2-3, 2017; TH-Fri

Time: 8 AM-5 PM (TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC, 2725 S. Binion Rd, Apopka, FL 32703-8504

Registration fee: \$220

Improperly completed 13645 forms are a leading cause of litigation for pest control. Foundations recommended, but not required.

- Do an inspection at PMUs house for WDOs with Paul Mitola from DACS.
- Learn the proper determination of "live, damage and evidence" and how to use DACS 13645.
- Learn from industry attorney Mark Ruff about the legal ramifications of an incomplete WDOI, using case studies and a mock trial video.
- Review WDO biology and behavior.

[Register here](#)

Foundations of General Pest Management 101

Date: March 29-31, 2017; Wed-Fri

Time: 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)

Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC, 2725 S. Binion Rd, Apopka, FL 32703-8504

Registration fee: \$375

Pest control matters. Cockroach allergen mitigation can be achieved with IPM.

- Study domestic and peridomestic cockroach species and how to control them as well as rodent, small fly, filth fly, occasional invaders, fire ant, and nuisance ant management.
- Review the labels of commonly used GHP products, practice pest inspections at PMU's house and develop treatment strategies focused on IPM.
- Do a vehicle inspection and spill drill with Paul Mitola from FDACS.

[Register here](#)

Click on "Register here" for course descriptions or go to <http://pmu.ifas.ufl.edu/courses> for more information

Learn more from IFAS



- UF/IFAS has Extension Offices in each of Florida's sixty-seven counties. We also have twelve Research and Education Centers (RECs) and Research and Demonstration Sites (RDSs).
- If you need help a great place to start is your local County Extension Office. With an office located in every county it has never been easier to partner with the University of Florida and your local County Government. To find an office near you please visit:
<http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map/>