

CriticalPoint's Environmental Monitoring Certificate Program

In 2018 CriticalPoint launched its *Best Practices for Environmental Monitoring* live training course. To accompany this training, CriticalPoint offers attendees the option of earning a certificate in environmental monitoring. Successful completion of this program's requirements results in the acquisition of specific, essential knowledge and skills that facilitate an individual's ability to successfully perform viable air and surface sampling in sterile compounding environments.

Eligible participants for the Environmental Monitoring Certificate successfully complete a didactic program of home study, live training, and practicum activities accompanied by objective personnel testing. The goal of this program is to provide an opportunity for all those organizations performing viable air and surface sampling to train at least one individual in the techniques of viable air and surface sampling. This program is intended for those who are currently performing or plan to perform viable environmental monitoring.

Environmental Monitoring Certificate Requirements

Step 1: Successful completion of the following eLessons within 12 months prior to attending the required live training:

- Personnel Hand Hygiene, Garbing, and Gloved Fingertip Sampling (2 hours)
- Overview of Environmental Monitoring (1 hour)
- Viable Air and Surface Sampling (0.5 hour)
- Investigation and Remediation of Viable Environmental Monitoring and Personnel Sampling Excursions (1 hour)

Step 2 Live classroom and practicum activities (ACPE-approved, live CE) at the CriticalPoint Center for Training and Research (CCTR) consisting of:

- attendance at the *Best Practices for Environmental Monitoring* live training
 - successful completion of the following during the live training:
 - hand hygiene and garbing observational competency
 - initial gloved fingertip sampling (total of one instance)*
 - viable sampling observational competency
 - aseptic loading of the viable air sampler*
- * CriticalPoint will incubate and read all samples as well as complete documentation of competencies and outcome of sampling. Candidates must pass all behavioral and objective sampling components.