

ACE (Associate Certified Entomologist) Prep Course

Fall 2023

Are you certified in pesticide applicator category 7 with a minimum of 5 years of verifiable pest management experience in the United States? Then you may be ready to become an ACE, an associate certified entomologist. Before you can become an ACE, you will need to provide two letters of professional reference, be willing to adhere to the [ACE Code of Ethics](#), [complete the application and pay the application fee to the Entomological Society of America](#) and pass an online test of your knowledge of structural pest control. The program and its benefits are explained in its entirety at <https://entocert.org/ace>. The application process is separate from the training offered below.

To help you prepare for the exam, Dr. Karen Vail, Extension Urban Entomologist of the UT Department of Entomology & Plant Pathology will provide an ACE Prep Course this fall. All training sessions will be virtual and held 5 – 6 pm on select Mondays via Zoom. A new Zoom link will be sent each week. By offering online training, we no longer limit participants to be within a few hours' drive of campus!

2023 Training Date	Subject
September 11	Integrated Pest Management and Tools
September 18	Insecticides and Modes of Actions
September 25	Pesticide Safety, Laws & Labels
October 2	Insect Biology and Morphology
October 9	Ants
October 16	Cockroaches
October 23	Flies
October 30	Stinging and Biting Arthropods
November 13	Stored Products Pests
November 20	Occasional Invaders
November 27	Wood-destroying Organisms
December 4	Common Commensal Pests/Review
December 10	Specimen review in the afternoon
December 11* 5 pm – 8 pm	Exam (limited to 15)*

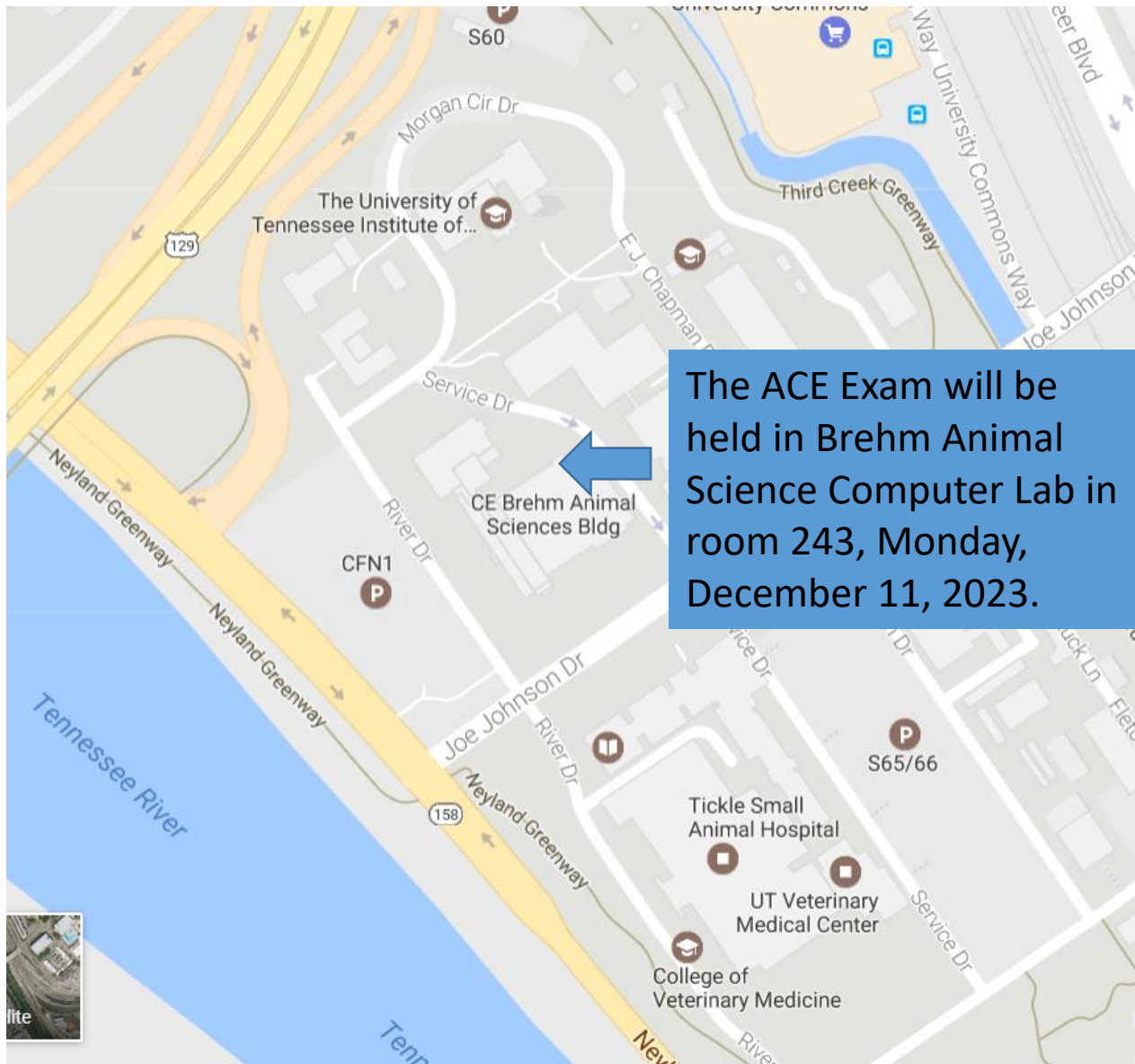
*The ACE exam will be given in room 243 Computer Lab of the Brehm Animal Science Building.

You can register for all classes of the ACE Prep Course at one time for a discounted price of \$300 or pay \$30 for each class as long as you register at least one week before the training date. Enrollment is limited to 25 per training date. One Tennessee recertification point per session. The course will only be held if at least 5 register before August 31st.

Register for the UT ACE Prep Course online at

<https://tiny.utk.edu/ACEPrepFall2023>

ACE Exam Location - UT Institute of Ag Campus Map



As long as it's after 5pm, you can park in lot CFN1.

We suggest you purchase the *IPM for the Urban Professional: A Study Guide for the Associate Certified Entomologist* from ESA

(<https://entocert.org/ace/resources>) and the *NPMA Field Guide to Structural Pests*

(<https://ebiz6personal.npmapestworld.org/UI/ProductDetails.html?productId=703>) prior to taking the training. The NPMA manual is also

available as a downloadable phone app (available for [Apple iOS](#) or [Google](#)) and comes with an annual fee. The ESA study guide is

discounted when you purchase it with your ACE application. In the past, shipping of the manuals has been greatly delayed, so order the manuals as soon as you sign up for the class!