

Do you provide training for investigators, IACUC members and administrators, animal care personnel, and research staff? If so then the AALAS Learning Library will fit into your training program.

With over a hundred courses on the ALL and more in the pipeline, the ALL provides your staff with training essential for anyone working with lab animals....

## AALAS Learning Library

The AALAS Learning Library can help you meet training requirements by providing online training with documentation through a group subscription. A group subscription is an inexpensive, flexible option to enhance your current training program.

With the low cost to gain access to every course available on the ALL, how can you *not* afford to take advantage of this online training resource! Enroll today!

### ► Here's How the ALL Can Help —

- Each user in your group account has access to more than 100 courses on a variety of topics for a full year.
- Courses can be accessed from any computer, 24 hours a day.
- Each user has a transcript documenting lessons and courses completed and exams passed.
- A reports feature helps your group coordinator track members' training progress.

Not ready for a group account? Then individual options are also available. Full enrollment information can be found on the AALAS Learning Library web site.

### Pricing for Regular Group Accounts

# of accounts in group	Institutional/Commercial	
	Member or Branch Group	Nonmember Group
7	\$500	\$700
15	\$750	\$1,000
30	\$850	\$1,200
500	\$1,000	\$1,500
75	\$1,250	\$1,750
150	\$1,500	\$2,000

Whether your needs involve studying for certification, learning new skills, or reviewing specific study topics, the AALAS Learning Library is your training resource. Check out all the course offerings at [www.aalaslearninglibrary.org](http://www.aalaslearninglibrary.org)

A newly redesigned AALAS Learning Library site will go live later in 2005. The new site will offer users the opportunity to choose a specific "track." Tracks include IACUC, Management & Training, and Research & Technical.

## ► Tips and News

Getting the most from your AALAS Learning Library account: time is a precious commodity so use these tips to get the most from the time you spend taking courses on the Learning Library.

1. **Try to set a regular schedule** for logging on so that you can complete the course in a timely fashion. If you let too much time lapse between sessions you may forget some of the material that you read previously.
2. **Set a time for study that won't be interrupted.** While this can be difficult to do, interruptions in the learning process make it more difficult to master the material. It's better to have 15 minutes of uninterrupted time than 30 minutes with phone calls interrupting you every 5 minutes.
3. **Set goals for learning.**
  - Is your goal to pass a certification exam? Then, you might want to review the course listings and determine which courses you need for that level and decide on a plan for completing those courses.
  - Is your goal to earn CEUs for your Registry renewal? Then see what courses would benefit you the most and check the CEU values to make sure you have planned enough courses to complete your renewal.
4. **Combine your study goals with your career development goals.**
  - Are you interested in moving into a supervisory position? Then, look for courses that cover management skills.
  - Are you interested in enhancing your technical job skills? Then look for courses that include knowledge about the skills you use on the job
5. **Master the material.** Since you have access to all courses for a full year with your account, there is no limit to the number of times you can review a course. Some courses are more difficult than others so reviewing them two or three times may be helpful in mastering the material and applying it to your job.

## ► New courses are now available on the AALAS Learning Library:

### Genetically Engineered Mice: Historical Perspectives

This course is the first in a series on transgenic mice, and it offers a brief historical overview of the developments that led to the production and use of transgenic mice. Original material for this course was presented by Dr. Neil Lipman during the Genetically Engineered Mice 101 seminar presented at the 2004 AALAS National Meeting.

### Genetically Engineered Mice: Evaluating the Phenotype

Phenotyping involves defining the outward appearance of the transgenic animal and all of its anatomical, physiological, and behavioral characteristics as dictated by the genetic and

environmental influences in its environment. Some of the areas included in this course are categories of phenotypic assessment, factors affecting phenotype, clinical assessment, and pathological assessment. Original material for this course was presented by Dr. Krista LaPerle during the Genetically Engineered Mice 101 seminar presented at the 2004 AALAS National Meeting.

### Genetically Engineered Mice: Overview of Transgenesis and Conditional Control of Gene Expression

Mice are used as a transgenic research model because the mouse is the most well understood mammalian system that is closest to the human. This course covers an overview of DNA, why transgenic animals are used in research, what techniques are used for creating transgenic animals, phenotype assessment, and conditional systems of gene expression. Original material for this course was presented by Dr. Jan Parker-Thornburg during the Genetically Engineered Mice 101 seminar presented at the 2004 AALAS National Meeting.

### Coming by October 1: LATG Review Exams

- LATG Final Review Exam (LATG 1-18)
- LATG Review Exam (LATG 10-18)
- LATG Review Exam (LATG 1-9)

These review exams are intended for technicians who are preparing for the AALAS LATG Technician Certification exam. The goal of these exams is to test your knowledge as you proceed through your study of the series of LATG online courses or the LATG Training Manual. When you finish the set of LATG online courses or the corresponding chapters in the *LATG Training Manual*, you can take the corresponding review exam. For example, after completing the online courses LATG 1 to 9 take the Review Exam LATG 1-9, which consists of 180 multiple choice questions covering the material you have studied in these nine courses.

The Final Review Exam consists of 180 multiple choice questions covering all the material covered in the LATG online courses or the training manual. Remember, however, that the LATG Technician Certification exam covers material listed in the reference list in the *Technician Certification Handbook*—not just the *LATG Training Manual* material.



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