

INTENTIONAL ADULTERATION VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT (IAVA) VIRTUAL COMBINATION COURSE INFORMATION PACKET

COURSE TITLE	FSPCA Intentional Adulteration Vulnerability Assessment Combination Course (Participant Course PLUS Lead Instructor Course)			
LANGUAGE	English NOTE: Translated captions are available. Zoom translated captions enable users to have the speech in this course automatically translated in real-time to captions in another language.			
COURSE PLATFORM	Zoom			
DELIVERY METHOD	Virtual, Live			
DURATION	Four 4.5-hour sessions			
TECH CHECK DATE & TIME	Tuesday, June 2, 2026 (15 minutes before the course starts) We will use this time to evaluate your audio and video, familiarize you with the use of the chat, polling, and file sharing features, and to troubleshoot any Zoom connection issues.			
COURSE DATES & TIMES	Participant Course: Tuesday, June 2 – Wednesday, June 3, 2026 Lead Instructor Course: Tuesday, June 9 – Wednesday, June 10, 2026			
	Start Time	7 AM PT	8 AM MT	9 AM CT
	End Time	11:30 AM PT	12:30 PM MT	1:30 PM CT
	NOTE: Enrollees are expected to log in 15 minutes prior to the course start time each day.			
ENROLLMENT FEE	\$1,599.00 USD			
ENROLLMENT CLOSES	May 19, 2026, or when the course fills			
COURSE MATERIALS	You are required to download and read the electronic course materials. - Electronic course materials will be available on the course landing page one week prior to the course start date. - After downloading the electronic course resources, we expect you to read the materials and always have the materials accessible during the course. IMPORTANT: You <u>must</u> always have the Instructor Guide and Exercise Workbook visually available during the course.			
	Hardcopies of the Instructor Guide and Exercise Workbook are strongly recommended and available for purchase. The FSPCA IAVA Bundle (includes the Instructor Guide, and Exercise Workbook) is available to course enrollees for \$52.00 USD + shipping: https://www.ifpti.org/li-material-order-form. Course enrollment will be verified before the order is fulfilled. NOTE: Please allow 3 weeks for order and delivery to ensure receipt before the course start date.			
SUPPORT CONTACTS	Enrollment/Technical Help: LMSadmin@ifpti.org or 1-269-488-3258 General Questions: djohns39@illinoistech.edu or mnatal@illinoistech.edu			

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course combines the Conducting Vulnerability Assessments participant course with the FSPCA Intentional Adulteration Vulnerability Assessment Lead Instructor course.

FSPCA Conducting Vulnerability Assessments Participant Course

This course will provide participants with the knowledge to implement the requirements of conducting a vulnerability assessment under the *Mitigation Strategies to Protect Food Against Intentional Adulteration* (IA) regulation of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This regulation is one of a number of regulations and guidance that implement the provisions of the 2011 Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), which focuses on safe food practices.

The *Mitigation Strategies to Protect Food Against Intentional Adulteration* regulation (referred to as the IA rule) is aimed at preventing intentional adulteration from acts intended to cause wide-scale harm to public health, including acts of terrorism targeting the food supply. The regulation requires that certain activities must be completed by a “food defense qualified individual” who has successfully completed training in the conduct of a vulnerability assessment. This course developed by the FSPCA is the “standardized curriculum” recognized by FDA; successfully completing this course is one way to meet the requirements for a “food defense qualified individual” responsible for conducting a vulnerability assessment.

FSPCA Intentional Adulteration (IA) Vulnerability Assessment (VA) Lead Instructor Course

This course provides the participant the knowledge and tools needed to perform the duties of a Lead Instructor for the standardized training curriculum that FDA considers adequate in meeting the requirements for training of a “food defense qualified individual” for conducting a vulnerability assessment under the IA rule.

The course content is focused on strategies to aid in the effective instruction of the food defense activities and documentation that support conducting a vulnerability assessment using the three fundamental elements outlined in the IA rule. Administrative tasks for issuing Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance certificates are also covered as well as a refresher on effective presentation for the adult learner.

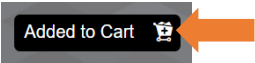
On Day 4 there is a Practicum “teach back” where each person will be asked to present a lesson from the curriculum (in English) to demonstrate your instructor skills and understanding of the FSPCA training materials. Failure to demonstrate instructor skills and an understanding of FSPCA training materials through participation in exercises, questions asked and teach back observations may result in you not receiving your Lead Instructor certificate. Remediation fees may apply.

Upon successful completion of the full, 4-day FSPCA Intentional Adulteration Vulnerability Assessment combination course, you will be trained to be a Vulnerability Assessment Lead Instructor by the FSPCA. The *Conducting Vulnerability Assessments* participant course within this combination course is the standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by FDA for the qualified individual responsible for conducting vulnerability assessments. Successfully completing this training allows you to deliver the FSPCA IA *Conducting Vulnerability Assessments* participant course as a Lead Instructor.

A link to the online course evaluation will be provided to you after successful completion of the course. You are **required** to fill out the course evaluation. You will have **72 hours** to complete the evaluation. Once the evaluation is completed you will receive an email with instructions on how to download the FSPCA IA *Conducting Vulnerability Assessments* Lead Instructor certificate of completion.

IMPORTANT: There are four (4) steps that must be completed to be eligible to attend the course. Failure to successfully complete all steps by the due dates noted will remove your eligibility to attend the course. Refunds will not be issued.

STEP 1: ENROLLMENT PREREQUISITES	
1	You must be an approved Intentional Adulteration Vulnerability Assessment Lead Instructor candidate
2	You must have successfully completed the prerequisite FSPCA IA Conducting Vulnerability Assessments using Key Activity Types course
3	You must have successfully completed the prerequisite FSPCA IA Identification and Explanation of Mitigation Strategies course

STEP 2: ENROLLING IN THE COURSE	
Access to course enrollment will be blocked until you meet all prerequisites noted in STEP 1.	
1	Log into https://lms.ifpti.org with your username and password
2	Open a new browser tab. Paste this link into the new browser tab: https://lms.ifpti.org/#/instructor-led-courses/09ecf392-6cac-4684-b9af-d913eeeca1c5
3	Click on the cart icon located in the top right-hand corner to add the course to your cart. You will see the cart change to "Added to Cart". 
4	Click on the "Added to Cart" box again to check out and "Proceed to Checkout". Fill in your account information (name, address, etc.), agree to the terms and conditions then "Proceed to Checkout". NOTE: The course fee is \$1599.00 USD
5	After you have paid the enrollment fee, you will receive: - A confirmation email from noreply@myabsorb.com - Check spam or junk mail if you have not received a confirmation. NOTE: We strongly recommend you add noreply@myabsorb.com to your contacts to ensure you receive course notifications.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- To receive a full refund, enrollees must cancel at least 30 days before the course start date.
- To receive a 50% refund, enrollees must cancel at least 7-29 days before the course start date.
- If enrollees cancel less than 7 days before the course start date, no refund will be issued.

In the event of extenuating circumstances, please contact djohns39@illinoistech.edu or mnatal@illinoistech.edu.

STEP 3: PRE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

All requirements are due no later than COB May 19, 2026. Failure to complete the requirements will remove your eligibility to attend the course. Refunds will not be issued.

1	After enrolling, you will receive an enrollment confirmation email from noreply@asorb.com with directions for accessing the course requirements. Please check spam or junk mail. NOTE: If you are unable to locate the confirmation email, please contact the LMS administration team at LMSadmin@ifpti.org or by phone at 1-269-488-3258.
2	You are required to complete the Instructor Skills Overview online module. The online module is available on the course landing page after enrollment. Look for "Landing Page: FSPCA IAVA Combination Course."
3	You are required to submit the below items to djohns39@illinoistech.edu or mnatal@illinoistech.edu. After sending, confirm receipt with FSPCA. - FSPCA Lead Instructor Waiver - The waiver is available on the course landing page after enrollment. - Review and e-sign the waiver. - A signed waiver must be on file to receive an FSPCA Lead Instructor certificate. - Photo ID - Remote identification and verification will take place. - Any ID with your name and photo for this purpose. NOTE: Remove or block out any sensitive information on the ID.
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PRE-COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS

We **strongly recommend** that you re-read the Mitigation Strategies to Protect Food against Intentional Adulteration regulation (IA rule) as well as the FSPCA IA Vulnerability Assessment Participant Manual v1.0 **before attending the course**. And download the IA draft guidance document for reference during the course. The IA rule and guidance documents can be found at: <https://www.fda.gov/fooddefense>

STEP 4: COURSE REQUIREMENTS	
1	You are required to have visual contact with instructors throughout the entire course (e.g., webcam). Remote participation identification and verification will take place.
2	You are required to be present for the entire course and successfully deliver a teach back for you to receive your Lead Instructor certificate. - The course Zoom link can be found on the course landing page under "Course and Login Information". - Contact the LMS Admin at LMSadmin@ifpti.org prior to the course if assistance is needed. Enrollees are expected to log in 15 minutes prior to the course start time each day. - Short breaks will be incorporated throughout the course. IMPORTANT: Late arrival and/or early departure <u>will</u> prevent issuance of certificate.
3	You are required to have the following: - An internet connection – broadband wired or wireless (4G/LTE) - Speakers and a microphone – built-in, USB plug-in, or wireless Bluetooth - A webcam or HD webcam - built-in or USB plug-in - A supported browser - Windows: Edge 12+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+ - macOS: Safari 7+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+ - Linux: Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+ IMPORTANT: - Currently joining by tablet or phone is <u>not</u> permitted - The use of AI-based note taking tools (such as automated transcription or summarization software) is <u>prohibited</u> during this course. - Reliance on AI tools for note-taking may result in incomplete or inaccurate representations of course content.
4	A link to the online course evaluation will be provided to you after successful completion of the course. You are required to fill out the course evaluation. You will have 72 hours to complete the evaluation. Once the evaluation is completed you will receive an email with instructions on how to download the <i>FSPCA IA Conducting Vulnerability Assessments Lead Instructor</i> certificate of completion.

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