

Preparing for the Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT) Certification Exam

**University Laboratory Animal
Resources**

Materials Covered Today

- ALAT Class Syllabus
- ALAT class schedule 2013
- AALAS Certification Policy (ULAR pay bonus)
- ALAT Exam Content Outline (ECO)
- Overview of the technician certification exams
 - AALAS website for more information about technician certification
 - Brief overview of the AALAS Learning Library (ALL)

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COURSE SYLLABUS

Description

This course is designed to help University Laboratory Animal Resources staff prepare for and successfully pass the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science ALAT certification exam.

- 19 class sessions
- Wednesdays from 3-4pm, roughly every 2 weeks
- Course content will follow the 2009 edition of the ALAT Training Manual/ 2009 edition of the ALAT Training Manual on the AALAS Learning Library (ALL)
- Various instructors will be used to present material throughout the 19 sessions.

Expectations

- Attend each class prepared to actively participate in discussions and with the ability to take notes
- Use ALL (AALAS Learning Library) and complete the online materials and exams prior to each class session
- **Take the ALAT certification exam at the end of this 19 session program**

Expectations

- Read the chapters referenced prior to class
- Bring **ALL** Unit Review results to class
- Keep up with reading assigned chapters, taking chapter review exams and completing unit review exams

Missed Sessions

- Submit **ALL** exam passing scores for the sessions missed
- Use of your **ALL** account will be monitored

Materials Provided

- ALL account with access to the electronic 2009 edition of the ALAT Training Manual
- Hard copy of the ALAT Training Manual (if desired)
- Hard copy of the ALAT Training Manual workbook (if desired)
- *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide)*
- AALAS ALAT Exam Content Outline (ECO)
- Web link to the AALAS Technician Certification Handbook
 - http://www.aalas.org/pdf/Tech_Cert_handbook.pdf
 - Membership in the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science
 - Paid \$155 certification exam fee per the ULAR AALAS Certification Guidelines

Study Time Outside of Class

- Study time outside of class is on your own time. If you have down time during the work day and you would like to study; you need to speak to your supervisor first and coordinate approved time for such activities.
- **You need to make approved arrangements with your supervisor for any study time during work hours**

AALAS Certification Exam Minimum Requirements

		Current cert. level	Minimum edu. level completed			Lab animal work experience (years)
			HS/ GED	AA/ AS	BA/ BS	
ALAT Exam	<input type="checkbox"/>					2
	<input type="checkbox"/>		•			1
	<input type="checkbox"/>			•		0.5
LAT Exam	<input type="checkbox"/>		•			3
	<input type="checkbox"/>			•		2
	<input type="checkbox"/>				•	1
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ALAT	•			0.5*
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ALAT				2*

Certification Exam Process

- During session 13 students will be given the ALAT Certification Application
- The completed application along with any support documentation should be submitted by session 14
- AALAS then takes 4-6 weeks to process the application

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2013 COURSE SCHEDULE

As an organization, ULAR encourages employees with direct animal care responsibility to pursue American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) technician certification. ULAR believes that this certification is an integral part of professional development and is an important investment in our staff.

ULAR SPECIFIC AALAS CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

How do I Earn a Bonus?

- Because of the critical role the animal care staff plays in the success of animal research at OSU, and the necessity to promote and maintain the highest professional standards, the bonus schedule is as follows:
 - \$750 for passing the ALAT
 - \$1,000 for passing the LAT
 - \$1,250 for passing the LATG or CMAR
- *Please note any bonus earned is treated as taxable income***

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ALAT EXAM CONTENT OUTLINE (ECO)

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OVERVIEW OF THE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION EXAMS

Overview of the Technician Certification Exams

	ALAT	LAT	LATG
Animal Husbandry, Health & Welfare	66-92%	65-91%	50%
Facility Administration & Management	<u>8-34%</u>	<u>9-35%</u>	<u>50%</u>
Total Questions	120	155	180
Exam Time Limit	2 hrs	2.5 hrs	3 hrs

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ONLINE RESOURCES

American Association for Laboratory Animal Science

- Resource information for technician certification
 - Technician Certification Handbook
 - ALAT Exam Content
 - CEU submission and registry
 - <http://www.aalas.org/>

AALAS Learning Library

- **ALL** is an online learning resource that includes lessons and practice exams
- You will be assigned an **ALL** account and be expected to use this resource to study as well as take practice exams
- You must complete all exams with passing scores in order to sit for the ALAT certification exam
- The grade needed to pass varies from Unit to Unit and is based on the difficulty of the questions presented.
 - <http://www.aalaslearninglibrary.org/>

The End

