

## TRAINING CENTER

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The Charles River Laboratories Training Center is a dedicated learning site for competency based training. The first of its kind for the animal research industry, the Training Center offers both didactic and hands-on instruction for the research community and Charles River employees. The diverse technical, scientific and management courses support biomedical research conducted at commercial, academic and government institutions. The 9,000 square foot facility is located just 20 minutes north of the National Institutes of Health in the heart of the Washington, D.C. I-270 Technology corridor.

The Learning Laboratory was designed to emulate many of the common functional areas in animal research facilities. In support of its principal training function, the facility includes a large 40-person lecture and conference room, adjacent animal procedure and holding rooms, as well as storage, cagewash and separate men and women locker rooms. The convenient setting has the capability to train personnel in a multitude of animal and bench-top biosafety environments. Training modules address entry-level cagewash, animal care and biotechnology, including technical application wet labs and post-doctorate continuing education workshops. In addition, the Training Center offers a tailored approach to fulfilling individual training requirements at an institutional site following a comprehensive needs assessment.

The core of the training offerings at the CRTC includes a combination of didactic and hands-on training in actual and simulated environments, emphasizing competency-based learning, from entry-level to specialized research support services. The faculty used includes a combination of internal, locally-based Charles River staff, external experts, trainers and lecturers sourced and funded by Charles River, and corporate professional and technical staffing resources for specific topic instruction.

The Charles River Laboratories Training Center is configured to include the following learning environments:

- Large/small animal species holding room
- Multipurpose treatment/procedure room
- Aquatic species holding room
- Clinical/pathology laboratory
- Model cage wash area
- Computer lab for web-based training
- Small group conference and training area
- Large group training room/lecture hall

**For more information or to schedule a consultation, please call us at 866-CRLSTAF.**

