

Monday May 19 2025: 3:00pm-6:00pm: registration and badge pickup only (no programming)

Tuesday May 20 2025

2025 AWCSC Session 1 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC BALLROOM

7:50am-8:00am	Welcome to the Short Course!	Lyn Gettys
8:00am-8:50am	Core presentation, title TBA	Carlton Layne
8:50am-9:40am	The Science Behind Spray Nozzles	Fred Whitford

9:40am-10:00am Refreshment break, visit sponsors: ROYAL BALLROOM

2025 AWCSC Session 2 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC BALLROOM

10:00am-10:25am	Label updates	Gold sponsor
10:25am-10:50am	Label updates	Gold sponsor
10:50am-11:05am	Label updates	Silver sponsor
11:05am-11:20am	Label updates	Silver sponsor
11:20am-11:35am	Label updates	Silver sponsor
11:35am-11:40am	Label updates	Silver sponsor

11:40am-1:00pm Lunch on your own

2025 AWCSC Session 3 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC BALLROOM

1:00pm-1:50pm	Using Backpack Mist Blowers to Apply Pesticides	Fred Whitford
1:50pm-2:40pm	Staying Safe around Snakes, Toads and Other Wildlife	Chad Keates

2:40pm-3:00pm Refreshment break, visit sponsors: ROYAL BALLROOM

2025 AWCSC Session 4 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC BALLROOM

3:00pm-3:50pm	Leveraging Digital Tools for Plant Identification	Corey Callaghan
3:50pm-4:15pm	Lost in the Weeds: Updates to Florida's Plant Lists	Lyn Gettys
4:15pm-4:40pm	Professionalism for Certified Applicators	Carlton Layne

end of Tuesday sessions; welcome reception from 5:00pm-7:00pm: ROYAL BALLROOM



Each session has been approved for two CEUs by FDACS!
Color key to FDACS-approved CEUs

GOLD	482/487 General Standards/Core
BLUE	Aquatic, Demo & Research, Private
GREEN	Private, Ag Row, Ag Tree, Demo & Research, Forestry, Natural Areas, Ornamental & Turf, Right-of-Way, Limited Landscape Maintenance, Limited Lawn & Ornamental, Commercial Lawn & Ornamental
GREY	Any Category listed in BLUE and GREEN above

OR

Calibration and calculations (FDACS XXXXX): DIAMOND BALLROOM

1:00pm-2:40pm	Calibration and Calculations	Brett Bultemeier
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OR

Core exam prep (FDACS XXXXX): DIAMOND BALLROOM

3:00pm-4:40pm	Core Exam Review	Michelle Atkinson
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Wednesday May 21 2025

2025 AWCSC Session AQ1 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC 1/2/3

8:00am-8:25am	Distribution and Field Identification of a Non-native, Hybrid Eelgrass in Florida	Craig Mallison
8:25am-8:50am	Tangled Tales of <i>Vallisneria spiralis</i> : Knot your Average Tapegrass	Kristen Peterson
8:50am-9:15am	Herbicide Efficacy on Invasive <i>Vallisneria</i> Taxa	Gray Turnage
9:15am-9:40am	Genetic Identification of <i>Vallisneria</i> in Florida	Chad Keates

OR

2025 AWCSC Session UP1 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC 4/5/6

8:00am-8:50am	Upland presentation, title TBA	Stephen Enloe
8:50am-9:15am	Upland Pollinators	Sebastian Palmieri
9:15am-9:40am	Melaleuca Management: Tools for Success	Ellen Allen

OR

Right of Way exam prep: (FDACS XXXXX): DIAMOND BALLROOM

8:00am-9:40am	Right of Way Exam Review	Michelle Atkinson
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Refreshment break, visit sponsors: ROYAL BALLROOM

2025 AWCSC Session AQ2 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC 1/2/3

10:00am-10:50am	In-water Applications for Aquatic Weed Control	Kelli Gladding
10:50am-11:40am	New Developments in Waterhyacinth Research	Megan Reid

OR

2025 AWCSC Session UP2 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC 4/5/6

10:00am-10:50am	Upland Woody Plant ID and Management	Conrad Oberweger
10:50am-11:40am	Weed Control in Landscapes and Other Upland Areas	Chris Marble

OR

Natural Areas exam prep (FDACS XXXXX): DIAMOND BALLROOM

10:00am-11:40am	Natural Areas Exam Review	Michelle Atkinson
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Lunch on your own

2025 AWCSC Session AQ3 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC 1/2/3

1:00pm-1:50pm	Algae Identification	Speaker TBA
1:50pm-2:40pm	Algae Management	Sam Sardes

OR

2025 AWCSC Session UP3 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC 4/5/6

1:00pm-1:50pm	Managing Upland Invasive Species	Greg MacDonald
1:50pm-2:15pm	Melaleuca in South Florida	Patrick Belk
2:15pm-2:40pm	Cogongrass Biology and Management	Ian Talty

OR

Aquatic exam prep (FDACS XXXXX): DIAMOND BALLROOM

1:00pm-2:40pm	Aquatic Exam Review	Susan Haddock
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2025 AWCSC Session AQ4 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC 1/2/3

3:00pm-3:25pm	Nutrient Binding for Algae and Macrophyte Reduction	Patrick Goodwin
3:25pm-3:50pm	Comparing Productivity of Pickerelweed in Native and Invaded Ranges	Madison Self
3:50pm-4:40pm	Herbicides for Use in Aquatic Environments	Gray Turnage

OR

2025 AWCSC Session UP4 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC 4/5/6

3:00pm-3:25pm	West Indian Marsh Grass	Alex Onisko
3:25pm-3:50pm	Mission Grass Management	Jake Thayer
3:50pm-4:40pm	Upland presentation, title TBA	Stephen Enloe

OR

Aquatic math refresher (FDACS XXXXX): DIAMOND BALLROOM

3:00pm-4:40pm	Aquatic Math Refresher	Susan Haddock
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end of Wednesday sessions; DIAMOND BALLROOM

Thursday May 22 2025

2025 AWCSC Session 5 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC BALLROOM

8:00am-8:50am	IPM in Aquatic and Upland Areas	Lyn Gettys
8:50am-9:15am	Using Drones to Monitor Invasive Plant Treatments	Jason Cull
9:15am-9:40am	Updates from the SFWMD Vegetation Management Program	Jake Thayer

9:40am-10:00am Refreshment break, visit sponsors: ROYAL BALLROOM

2025 AWCSC Session 6 (FDACS XXXXX): MAJESTIC BALLROOM

10:00am-10:25am	Updates from the USACE Vegetation Management Program	Speaker TBA
10:25am-10:50am	FWC Habitat Work On and Around Lake Okeechobee	Alyssa Jordan
10:50am-11:15am	Updates from the FWC Vegetation Management Section	Alex Dew
11:15am-11:40am	USGS Impacts Tracking	Ian Pflingsten

end of sessions; optional exams from 1:15pm-4:30pm (pre-register): MAJESTIC BALLROOM

Psst... pro tips for newbies!

Are you planning to take FDACS exams on Thursday afternoon? Make sure to attend the core exam prep and calibration sessions on Tuesday and the category exam prep sessions on Wednesday. Get the exam study guides first! Visit our certification exam webpage for more information, including which study guides you should get, how to get them, how to get an FDACS exam voucher, and more! Visit our website at go.ufl.edu/awcsc and click on the "CEUS/LICENSING" tab