
DIDACTIC SESSIONS: These sessions are held in the auditorium on the main floor.

What is the auditorium's capacity?

The auditorium has tiered seating and holds approximately 112 participants.

Is audiovisual equipment and assistance available?

Yes; a wide variety of options are available from basic presentation to full recording and DVD authentication. Please refer to the Menu of Services for more information. A NASS audiovisual technician will operate the equipment.

Can we bring in our own AV and technician?

No; SERC is a fully-integrated facility that contains specialized AV and recording equipment that will not interface with external equipment. A NASS audiovisual technician is required to operate the equipment.

How do I prepare for my presentation?

An onsite technician will familiarize you with the space and its features as well as run all the presentations and do all the switching and management from the control booth. SERC has a best practices document that can be found online or requested from your meeting coordinator for guidelines to follow in preparing presentations for optimal viewing.

How do I send in or upload my presentation before the meeting?

Stop by the control booth behind the auditorium and an AV technician will upload your presentations. Or, you also may arrange with your NASS meetings contact to have the capability to upload presentations prior to the meeting.

LAB SESSIONS: These sessions are held in the bio-skills lab on the lower level.

What is the lab's capacity?

The 3,800 sq. ft. lab has up to 12 stations; we can accommodate up to six participants per table for optimum learning. (Note: For larger courses, the lab can accommodate up to 24 stations by doubling up, if needed.)

Are lead aprons and other protective equipment available?

- There are 100 lead aprons in various sizes.
- Scrubs, caps, masks, shoe covers and gloves also are available. Please contact us to verify the final number of participants to ensure proper availability.

What lab instruments are provided?

- Towel clips, stats, oschners, needle holders, right angles, suction tips, knife handles, tissue forceps, ronguers, periosteal elevators, kerrisons, pituitary and pinfield dissectors are available.
- Each station has one mobile surgical light.

Are C-arms available?

Yes; there are currently eight C-arms available and additional C-arms can be acquired if necessary.

Is 3D imaging available?

Yes, the lab has an O-arm onsite.

Is onsite assistance available?

Yes; two CSTs are available and additional technicians can be contracted depending on the size of your group.

Are lockers available?

Yes; the main floor has a women's locker room with 50 lockers and a room on the lower level with two additional lockers. There is a men's locker room on the lower level with 76 lockers and an additional 18 lockers available on the lower level if needed.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MULTI-FUNCTION ROOM: The multi-function room is located on the main floor and includes a catering kitchen. Overflow from the auditorium can view the live presentation from this room or the space also may be used for meals and breakouts.

What is the multi-function room's capacity?

The multi-function room can accommodate 112 participants with the general setup of 20 five-foot long tables and chairs. If a podium or other display is used, the room can accommodate 96 people. The multi-function room can be reconfigured to suit your needs.

Can I hire any catering service?

We recommend Marie's Catering, a full-service caterer, for all of your food and beverage needs. You can work directly with their event coordinator. Refer to our catering list for additional catering options. You also can choose to work with your own caterer, however, a server must be provided for groups of 20 or more participants.

SHIPPING

Can I ship items to the facility before a course?

Yes; the preference is for all items to arrive 4-5 days before a course. There is a loading dock located on the west side of the facility, as well as a 70 sq. ft freight elevator to accommodate c-arms and additional equipment.

TRANSPORTATION/LODGING

How far is the facility from the airport?

From Chicago Midway Airport: approximately a 20-minute drive, dependent on traffic.

From O'Hare International Airport: approximately a 30-minute drive, dependant on traffic.

Refer to the Transportation/Lodging page. NASS provides a list of shuttle and cab companies upon request.

Which hotels are located nearby?

SpringHill Suites by Marriott is adjacent to the facility; Chicago Marriott Southwest is two miles from the facility.

MISCELLANEOUS

Are there internet capabilities?

The entire building is wireless, and two quiet rooms with computers are available.

Can I place signage in the facility? Where do attendees register?

Signage is allowed in the reception area and along the main corridor; six easels are available.

Once onsite, registration may be located at the front desk near the main entrance or adjacent to the auditorium on the main floor.

When can I arrive to set up for a course?

You may come the day before the course, generally from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.