

# Got Fastener Training?

## Fastener Training Week Returns to Los Angeles & Cleveland in 2013

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In 2013, the **Fastener Training Institute® (FTI)**, Los Alamitos, CA, USA, in partnership with the **Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI)**, Independence, OH, USA, will again offer *Fastener Training Week* twice in two different locations. This five-day intensive version of FTI's Certified Fastener Specialist™ advanced technical training program will be presented April 1 to 5, 2013 in the Los Angeles, CA, USA area and July 22 to 26, 2013 in the Cleveland, OH, USA area.

*Fastener Training Week* includes everything that a student would experience in the regular seven-course CFS™ training, but all on consecutive days. Plus members of endorsing fastener associations receive substantial discounts.

The curriculum includes:

- Thread specifications
- Material specifications
- Process specifications
- Dimensional specifications
- Quality systems and specifications
- Lot traceability
- Test reports
- Print reading and tolerances
- Thread gaging and dimensional inspection
- Torque tension
- Acquiring specifications
- Consensus standards organizations
- Fastener terminology

*Fastener Training Week* features learning labs taught by leading industry experts, **Joe Greenslade (IFI)**, **Carmen Vertullo CFS (CarVer Consulting)** and **Salim Brahimi (IBECA Technologies)** as well as interactive exercises, quizzes to reinforce learning and plant tours of manufacturing, secondary processes and testing facilities. Upon completion of this training and passing a final exam, attendees will be eligible to receive the Certified Fastener Specialist™ (CFS) designation.

Registration fees for members of an endorsing organization are as low as US\$2500 for the first attendee with a 20% discount for each additional attendee from the same company.

### Fastener Training Week Instructors



Joe Greenslade



Carmen Vertullo



Salim Brahimi

Endorsing associations as of September 12, 2012, include:

- **Industrial Fasteners Institute**
- **Mid-West Fastener Association**
- **National Fastener Distributors Association**
- **North Coast Fastener Association**
- **Pacific-West Fastener Association**
- **Southeastern Fastener Association**

What our students have to say:

"Great. Well worth my time and money. The instructors are very dedicated to the improvement and education of the industry. I have always worked in management. I can now look up specs and know where to go for information."

"The CFS program drastically shortened my learning curve regarding fastener specifications. Program materials were well organized and professional. Each instructor was very knowledgeable and infused the lesson topics with real-world examples. CFS is a great program taught by excellent instructors."

"I feel this course really helped me gain a more solid understanding of mechanical engineering and develop the technical knowledge important to this field. It also makes me realize the complexities and challenges we face, and that makes the work even more interesting. I'm really happy with this and look forward to continued learning in this industry."

Program organizers from FTI and IFI are very excited about the future of fastener training in North America.

As chair of the Fastener Training Institute I believe the continued success of FTI's *Fastener Training Week* confirms there is an ongoing and growing need for in-depth product training in our industry. Our plans include a third *Fastener Training Week* program in 2013 plus additional new programs including an aerospace fastener product training event in Los Angeles. We appreciate the support of the Industrial Fasteners Institute, which co-produces *Fastener Training Week* and other FTI training programs.

Joe Greenslade, IFI Director of Engineering Technology commented, "I have worked in the fastener industry for 42 years. I have felt strongly throughout that time that the fastener industry is in dire need of more and better training. Finally it looks like the Fastener Training Institute (FTI) is in the process of filling that critical need."

"Every new sales, engineering and quality person in the fastener industry should go through this program to develop a good technology foundation. Even those with many years experience can gain a much broader view of the technology of the fastener industry. As Francis Bacon said, 'Knowledge is power.' I hope the fastener industry will take advantage of the evolving knowledge building resources of the FTI to gain strength and power to assure future prosperity for our industry."

The Fastener Training Institute offers technical training for the entire fastener industry. The Certified Fastener Specialist program was originally founded in 1998 by the **Los Angeles Fastener Association**. Today more than 800 individuals have participated in the CFS program with more than 300 graduates. FTI's core purpose is to enhance fastener use, reliability and safety.

For more information visit [www.fastenertraining.org](http://www.fastenertraining.org).

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