

COURSE OVERVIEW PE0140
Oil field Surface Facility Operations

Course Title

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Course Date/Venue

Session 1: June 29-July 03, 2025/Boardroom
 1, Elite Byblos Hotel Al Barsha,
 Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, UAE
 Session 2: November 24-28, 2025/Fujairah
 Meeting Room, Grand Millennium



Course Reference

PE0140

Course Duration/Credits

Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs



Course Description



This practical and highly-interactive course includes real-life case studies and exercises where participants will be engaged in a series of interactive small groups and class workshops.

This course covers the basic concepts and techniques necessary to design, specify and manage oil and gas field production facilities. It provides a clear understanding of the equipment and processes used in common separation and oil and water treating systems as well as the selection of piping and pumping systems.



The course will cover gas dehydration, gas processing and the selection of compressor system. The gathering, separation and final treatment systems for crude oil and natural gas, before transport to refinery is discussed. The concepts of export quality crude oil and natural gas, field and fiscal measurements error is explained. Hydrocarbon reconciliation and allocation of produced fluids to the contributing reservoirs are explained. Exercises are used to cement the learning of the various topics treated.



This course will enable participant to develop a “feel” for the important parameters of designing and operating a production facility. The participant will understand the uncertainties and assumptions inherent in designing and using the equipment in these systems and the limitations, advantages and disadvantages associated with their use.

Course Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this course, each participant will be able to: -

- Apply and gain an in-depth knowledge on surface production operations within oil and gas field production facilities
- Enumerate the different types and functions of a petroleum production facility and how to make equipment work
- Implement the proper methodology of choosing a process that would be applicable to the system and identify the system configuration
- Describe the basic principles of fluid properties, its flash calculations and characterization as well as the principles of pressure drop in piping and calculate fluid flow equations
- Discuss the factors affecting two-phase oil and gas separation including equipment description, difference between horizontal and vertical vessel selection, identify potential operating problems and cite examples
- Explain and demonstrate the process of oil and water separation and gas dehydration including the equipments used in each process
- Explain crude oil treating systems through the emulsion treating theory, gravity separation, treating equipment and equipment sizing and theory
- Employ the theory of produced-water treating systems through listing the information required for design and implementing the equipment selection procedure with its specification by taking into consideration the criteria of measurement
- Identify the different classification of pumps, principles, selection criteria, installation and specific speed in accordance with related codes and standards
- Apply the proper methodology of gas processing including absorption and refrigeration
- Enumerate the different types of compressors and explain the components, sizing and process consideration of each type
- Employ the role of optimization and its practical application in the upstream industry

Exclusive Smart Training Kit - H-STK®



*Participants of this course will receive the exclusive “Howard Smart Training Kit” (H-STK®). The H-STK® consists of a comprehensive set of technical content which includes **electronic version** of the course materials conveniently saved in a **Tablet PC**.*

Who Should Attend


This course covers systematic techniques and methodologies on surface production operations in oil and gas field production facilities for newly engaged production engineers, process engineers, facility engineers and petroleum engineers. It is also suitable for technical and operations staff from other disciplines, who require a cross-training to or a basic understanding of the surface production operation in oil and gas fields. Further, this course is suitable for all technical and operational staff who are working in onshore and offshore oil/gas fields.

Course Certificate(s)


Internationally recognized certificates will be issued to all participants of the course who completed a minimum of 80% of the total tuition hours.

Certificate Accreditations

Certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations: -

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British Accreditation Council (BAC)

Howard Technology is accredited by the **British Accreditation Council** for **Independent Further and Higher Education** as an **International Centre**. BAC is the British accrediting body responsible for setting standards within independent further and higher education sector in the UK and overseas. As a BAC-accredited international centre, Howard Technology meets all of the international higher education criteria and standards set by BAC.

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The International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET - USA)

Howard Technology is an Authorized Training Provider by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), 2201 Cooperative Way, Suite 600, Herndon, VA 20171, USA. In obtaining this authority, Howard Technology has demonstrated that it complies with the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard** which is widely recognized as the standard of good practice internationally. As a result of our Authorized Provider membership status, Howard Technology is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard**.

Howard Technology's courses meet the professional certification and continuing education requirements for participants seeking **Continuing Education Units** (CEUs) in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Accreditors for Continuing Education & Training (IACET). IACET is an international authority that evaluates programs according to strict, research-based criteria and guidelines. The CEU is an internationally accepted uniform unit of measurement in qualified courses of continuing education.

Howard Technology Middle East will award **3.0 CEUs** (Continuing Education Units) or **30 PDHs** (Professional Development Hours) for participants who completed the total tuition hours of this program. One CEU is equivalent to ten Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or ten contact hours of the participation in and completion of Howard Technology programs. A permanent record of a participant's involvement and awarding of CEU will be maintained by Howard Technology. Howard Technology will provide a copy of the participant's CEU and PDH Transcript of Records upon request.

Course Fee

US\$ 5,500 per Delegate + **VAT**. This rate includes H-STK® (Howard Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.

Course Instructor

This course will be conducted by the following instructor. However, we have the right to change the course instructor prior to the course date and inform participants accordingly:



Dr. Hesham Abdou, PhD, MSc, BSc, is a **Senior Mechanical & Petroleum Engineer** with over **35 years** of integrated industrial and academic experience as a **University Professor**. His specialization widely covers in the areas of **Crude Oil Testing & Water Analysis, Crude Oil & Water Sampling Procedures, Equipment Handling Procedures, Crude & Vacuum Process Technology, Gas Conditioning & Processing, Cooling Towers Operation & Troubleshooting, Sucker Rod Pumping, ESP & Gas Lift, PCP & Jet Pump, Pigging Operations**, Electric Submersible

Pumps (ESP), Progressive Cavity Pumps (PCP), Natural & Artificial Flow Well Completion, Well Testing Procedures & Evaluation, Well Performance, Coiled Tubing Technology, Oil Recovery Methods Enhancement, Well Integrity Management, Well Casing & Cementing, Acid Gas Removal, Heavy Oil Production & Treatment Techniques, Water Flooding, Water Lift Pumps Troubleshooting, Water System Design & Installation, Water Networks Design Procedures, Water Pumping Process, Pipelines, Pumps, Turbines, Heat Exchangers, Separators, Heaters, Compressors, Storage Tanks, Valves Selection, Compressors, Tank & Tank Farms Operations & Performance, Oil & Gas Transportation, Oil & Gas Production Strategies, Artificial Lift Methods, Piping & Pumping Operations, Oil & Water Source Wells Restoration, Pump Performance Monitoring, Rotor Bearing Modelling, Hydraulic Repairs & Cylinders, Root Cause Analysis, Vibration & Condition Monitoring, Piping Stress Analysis, Amine Gas Sweetening & Sulfur Recovery, Heat & Mass Transfer and Fluid Mechanics.

During his career life, Dr. Hesham held significant positions and dedication as the **General Manager, Petroleum Engineering Assistant General Manager, Workover Assistant General Manager, Workover Department Manager, Artificial Section Head, Oil & Gas Production Engineer** from Agiba Petroleum Company and **Engineering Consultant/Instructor** for various Oil & Gas companies as well as a **Senior Instructor/Lecturer** for **PhD, Master & BSc degree students** from various **universities** such as the Cairo University, Helwan University, British University in Egypt, Banha University.

Dr. Hesham has **PhD** and **Master's** degree as well as **Post Graduate Diploma in Mechanical Power Engineering** and a **Bachelor's** degree in **Petroleum Engineering**. Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer** and a **Peer Reviewer**. Dr. Hesham is an active member of Egyptian Engineering Syndicate and the Society of Petroleum Engineering. Moreover, he has published technical papers and journals and has delivered numerous trainings, workshops, courses, seminars and conferences internationally.

Training Methodology

All our Courses are including **Hands-on Practical Sessions** using equipment, State-of-the-Art Simulators, Drawings, Case Studies, Videos and Exercises. The courses include the following training methodologies as a percentage of the total tuition hours:-

- 30% Lectures
- 20% Practical Workshops & Work Presentations
- 30% Hands-on Practical Exercises & Case Studies
- 20% Simulators (Hardware & Software) & Videos

In an unlikely event, the course instructor may modify the above training methodology before or during the course for technical reasons.

Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the course fees. However, any accommodation required can be arranged at the time of booking

Course Program

The following program is planned for this course. However, the course instructor(s) may modify this program before or during the course for technical reasons with no prior notice to participants. Nevertheless, the course objectives will always be met:

Day 1

0730 – 0800	<i>Registration & Coffee</i>
0800 – 0815	<i>Welcome & Introduction</i>
0815 – 0830	PRE-TEST
0830 – 0930	The Petroleum Production Facility <i>Facility Description • Making the Equipment Work • Facility Types</i>
0930 – 0945	<i>Break</i>
0945 – 1100	Choosing a Process <i>Process Selection • Controlling the Process</i>
1100 – 1230	Choosing a Process (cont'd) <i>Basic System Configuration • Well Testing • Gas Lift • Offshore Platform Considerations</i>
1230 – 1245	<i>Break</i>
1245 – 1330	Fluid Properties <i>Basic Principles • Flash Calculations • Characterizing the Flow Stream • Approximate Flash Calculations • Other Properties</i>
1330 – 1420	Project Assignment
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	<i>Lunch & End of Day One</i>

Day 2

0730 – 0900	Two-Phase Oil & Gas Separation <i>Factors Affecting Separation • Equipment Description • Horizontal vs. Vertical Vessel Selection • Vessel Internals</i>
0900 – 0915	<i>Break</i>
0915 – 1045	Two-Phase Oil & Gas Separation (cont'd) <i>Potential Operating Problems • Theory • Separator Sizing • Examples</i>
1045 – 1200	Oil & Water Separation <i>Equipment Description • Vessel Internals • Emulsions</i>

1200 – 1215	Break
1215 – 1330	Oil & Water Separation (cont'd) Theory • Separator Sizing • Examples
1330 – 1420	Project Assignment
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Two

Day 3

0730 – 0900	Crude Oil Treating Systems Emulsion Treating Theory • Gravity Separation • Treating Equipment • Equipment Sizing & Theory • Design Procedure • Examples
0900 – 0915	Break
0915 – 1045	Produced-Water Treating Systems System Description • Theory • Treating Equipment
1045 – 1215	Produced-Water Treating Systems (cont'd) Drain Systems • Information Required for Design • Influent Water Quality • Equipment Selection Procedure • Equipment Specification • Examples: Design the Produced-Water Treating System for the Data Given
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1330	Pressure Drop in Piping Basic Principles • Fluid Flow Equations • Head Loss in Valves & Pipe Fittings • Example Pressure Drop Calculations
1330 – 1420	Project Assignment
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Three

Day 4

0730 – 0900	Choosing a Line Size & Wall Thickness Line Size Criteria • Wall Thickness Criteria • Pressure Rating Classes • Examples
0900 – 0915	Break
0915 – 1100	Pumps Pump Classification • Centrifugal Pumps • Reciprocating Pumps • Diaphragm Pumps • Rotary Pumps • Multiphase Pumps • Basic Principles • Basic Selection Criteria
1100 – 1215	Centrifugal Pumps Multiples Pump Installations • Pump Specific Speed • Codes and Standards • Generic Types of Centrifugal Pumps • Bearings, Seals & Wear Rings • Installation Considerations
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1330	Reciprocating Pumps Controlling Pulsating Flow • Bearings, Valves and Packing • Codes and Standards • Piping Hookup • Operation
1330 – 1420	Project Assignment
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Four

Day 5

0730 – 0900	Gas Dehydration Water Content Determination • Glycol Dehydration • Glycol Dehydration Example • Solid Bed Dehydration • Dry Desiccant Design Example
0900 – 0915	Break
0915 – 1045	Gas Processing Absorption/Lean Oil • Refrigeration • Choice of Process
1045 – 1200	Compressors Types of Compressors • Specifying a Compressor • Reciprocating Compressors-Process Considerations • Centrifugal Compressors – Surge Control and Stonewalling • Centrifugal Compressors Process Considerations
1200 – 1215	Break
1215 – 1300	Reciprocating Compressors Components • Cylinder Sizing • Rod Load • Cooling and Lubrication Systems • Pipe Sizing Considerations • Example Problem
1300 - 1345	Optimization in Upstream Industry
1345 – 1400	Course Conclusion
1400 – 1415	POST-TEST
1415 – 1430	Presentation of Course Certificates
1430	Lunch & End of Course

Practical Sessions

This practical and highly-interactive course includes real-life case studies and exercises:-



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