

COURSE OVERVIEW PE0382-4D
Heat Exchangers & Fired Heaters Operation & Troubleshooting

Course Title

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Course Date/Venue

May 04-07, 2026/Glasshouse Meeting Room, Grand Millennium Al Wahda Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Course Reference

PE0382-4D

Course Duration/Credits

Four days/2.4 CEUs/24 PDHs



Course Description



This practical and highly-interactive course includes various practical sessions and exercises. Theory learnt will be applied using our state-of-the-art simulators.



This course is designed to provide the participants with a detailed and up-to-date overview on the operation and troubleshooting of heat exchangers and fired heaters. Participants will be able to respond to typical heat exchanger and fired heater problems that may occur during operation. The course will also cover the principles of heat transfer and the factors affecting heat transfer; the flow arrangements of fluids inside heat exchangers; and the various types and its major components.



During this course, participants will learn to apply the proper procedure in taking out of service and putting in service of heat exchangers; identify the various types of furnaces and the major parts of a horizontal and vertical furnace; recognize the types of gas burner and its properties; apply combustion process; employ furnace start up, shutdown and troubleshooting; identify the thin tube, hot spot, tube fire side heater, furnace explosion, flame temperature, flame stability and combustion.

Course Objectives

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

- Operate and troubleshoot heat exchangers and fired heaters in a professional manner
- Discuss the principles of heat transfer and the factors affecting heat transfer
- Illustrate flow arrangements of fluids inside heat exchangers and identify the types and its major components
- Apply proper procedure in taking out of service and putting in service of heat exchangers
- List the various types of furnaces and identify the major parts of a horizontal and vertical furnace
- Enumerate the types of gas burner and describe its properties as well as combustion process
- Employ furnace start up, shutdown and troubleshooting
- Identify thin tube, hot spot, tube fire side heater, furnace explosion, flame temperature, flame stability and combustion

Exclusive Smart Training Kit - H-STK®



Participants of this course will receive the exclusive “Haward 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 provides an overview of all significant aspects and considerations of heat exchangers and fired heaters operation for process engineers, section heads, shift controllers, shift supervisors, operators and for those who are interested in heat exchangers and furnaces.

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.

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

Haward's certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations: -

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British Accreditation Council (BAC)

Haward Technology is accredited by the **British Accreditation Council for Independent Further and Higher Education** as an **International Centre**. Haward's certificates are internationally recognized and accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC). 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, Haward 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)

Haward 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, Haward 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, Haward Technology is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard**.

Haward 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.

Haward Technology Middle East will award **2.4 CEUs** (Continuing Education Units) or **24 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 Haward Technology programs. A permanent record of a participant's involvement and awarding of CEU will be maintained by Haward Technology. Haward Technology will provide a copy of the participant's CEU and PDH Transcript of Records upon request.

Course Instructor(s)

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



Mr. Karl Thanasis, PEng, MSc, MBA, BSc, is a **Senior Engineer** with over **30 years** of practical experience within the **Oil, Gas, Refinery and Petrochemical** industries. His wide expertise includes **Process Plant Optimization Technology & Continuous Improvement, Process Engineering Calculations, Process Plant Start Up & Commissioning, Applied Process Engineering Elements, Coke Cooler, Process Plant Start-up & Commissioning, Process Plant Troubleshooting, Operations Abnormalities & Plant Upset, Process Equipment Applications & Troubleshooting, Process Plant Performance & Efficiency, Gas Sweetening & Sulphur Recovery, Distillation-Column Control & Troubleshooting, Oil Movement & Troubleshooting, Process Plant Operations & Control, Process Equipment Operation, Fired Heaters & Air Coolers Maintenance, Heat Exchangers, Pumps & Compressors, Crude Desalter, Pressure Vessels & Valves, Steam Trapping & Control, Pumps & Valve Maintenance & Troubleshooting, Turbomachinery, Mechanical Alignment, Rotating Equipments, Diesel Generators, Lubrication Technology, Bearing, Predictive & Preventive Maintenance, Root Cause Analysis, Boilers, Oil Field Operation, Production Operation, Plant Operation & Commissioning, Crude Oil De Salting Process, Gas Conditioning, NGL Recovery & NGL Fractionation, Flare System, Storage Tanks, Oil Recovery System and Chemical Injection.**

Mr. Thanasis has acquired his thorough and practical experience as the **Project Manager, Plant Manager, Area Manager - Equipment Construction, Construction Superintendent, Project Engineer and Design Engineer.** His duties covered **Plant Preliminary Design, Plant Operation, Write-up of Capital Proposal, Investment Approval, Bid Evaluation, Technical Contract Write-up, Construction and Sub-contractor Follow up, Lab Analysis, Sludge Drying and Management of Sludge Odor and Removal.** He has worked in various companies worldwide in the **USA, Germany, England and Greece.**

Mr. Thanasis is a **Registered Professional Engineer** in the **USA and Greece** and has a **Master and Bachelor** degrees in **Mechanical Engineering with Honours** from the **Purdue University and SIU** in **USA** respectively as well as an **MBA** from the **University of Phoenix** in **USA.** Further, he is a **Certified Internal Verifier/Trainer/Assessor** by the **Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM)** and a **Certified Instructor/Trainer.**

Accommodation

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

Course Fee

US\$ 4,500 per Delegate + **VAT**. This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.

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: Monday, 04th of May 2026

0730 – 0800	Registration & Coffee
0800 – 0815	Welcome & Introduction
0815 – 0830	PRE-TEST
0830 – 0915	Heat Exchangers Introduction to Heat Exchangers • Principles of Heat Transfer • Factors Affecting Heat Transfer (Conduction, Convection & Radiation) • Flow Arrangement of Fluids Inside Heat Exchanger • Types of Heat Exchangers • Major Components
0915 – 0930	Break
0930 – 1030	Heat Exchangers (cont'd) Shell & Tube • Fixed Tube Sheet • Floating Tube Sheet • Return Bend Heat Exchanger • Plate Type Heat Exchanger
1030 – 1200	Heat Exchangers (cont'd) Double Type Heat Exchanger • Parallel Flow • Counter Flow • Temperature Approach in Heat Exchanger • LMTD
1200 – 1215	Break
1215 – 1420	Heat Exchangers (cont'd) Correction Factor • Allocation of Fluid in Heat Exchanger • Shell & Tube Passes • Cross Flow Heat Exchanger • Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day One

Day 2: Tuesday, 05th of May 2026

0730 – 0915	Heat Exchangers (cont'd) Principles of Heat Allocation • Corrosion • Fouling • Temperature • Pressure
0915 – 0930	Break
0930 – 1030	Heat Exchangers (cont'd) Differential Pressure • Viscosity • Design Considerations • Hair Pin Heat Exchanger • Aerial Cooler
1030 – 1200	Heat Exchangers (cont'd) Main Components • Draft • Louvers • Blades • Vibration
1200 – 1215	Break
1215 – 1420	Heat Exchangers (cont'd) Causes & Correction • Fouling Factor • Factors Affecting Heat Transfer • Procedure to Take Heat Exchanger Out of Service • Procedure to Put Heat Exchanger in Service
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Two



Day 3: Wednesday, 06th of May 2026

0730 – 0915	Fired Heaters Type of Furnaces • Major Parts of a Horizontal Furnace • Major Parts of a Vertical Furnace • Fire Box • Shock Tubes • Radiant Cone • Convection Section • Stack Temperature • Causes of High Stack Temperature
0915 – 0930	Break
0930 – 1030	Fired Heaters (cont'd) Flue Gas Composition • Burners • Effect of Excess Air on Combustion • Fuel - Air Ratio • Types of Burners • Gas Burner Construction • Draft Inside Gas Burner • Pre-Mix Gas Burner • Non Pre-Mix Gas Burner
1030 – 1200	Fired Heaters (cont'd) Properties of Gas Burner • Draft Inside Gas Burner • Flash Back • Fuel Oil Burner • Steam - Air Atomising Burner • Combination Burner • Pilot Burner • Burner Management System
1200 – 1215	Break
1215 – 1420	Fired Heaters (cont'd) Combustion Process • Fuel & its Flame Colour • Combustion Losses • Ignition Temperature • Flame Temperature • Excess Air • Combustion Control • NOX Burner • NOX Formation
1420 – 1430	Recap Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day Three

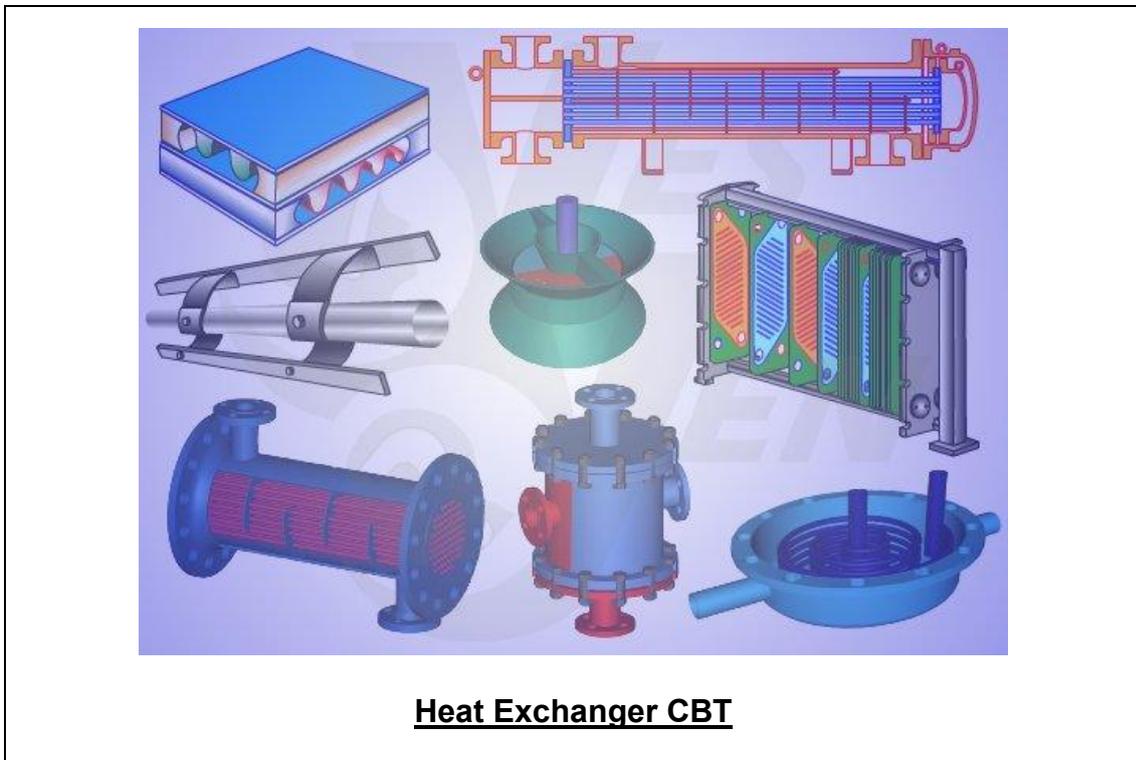
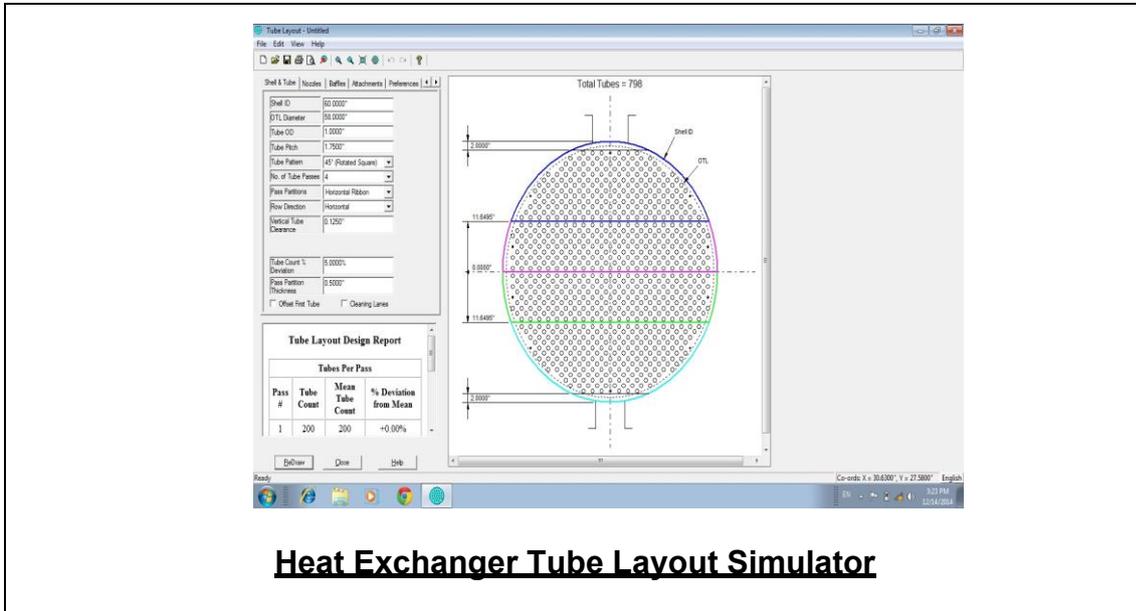
Day 4: Thursday, 07th of May 2026

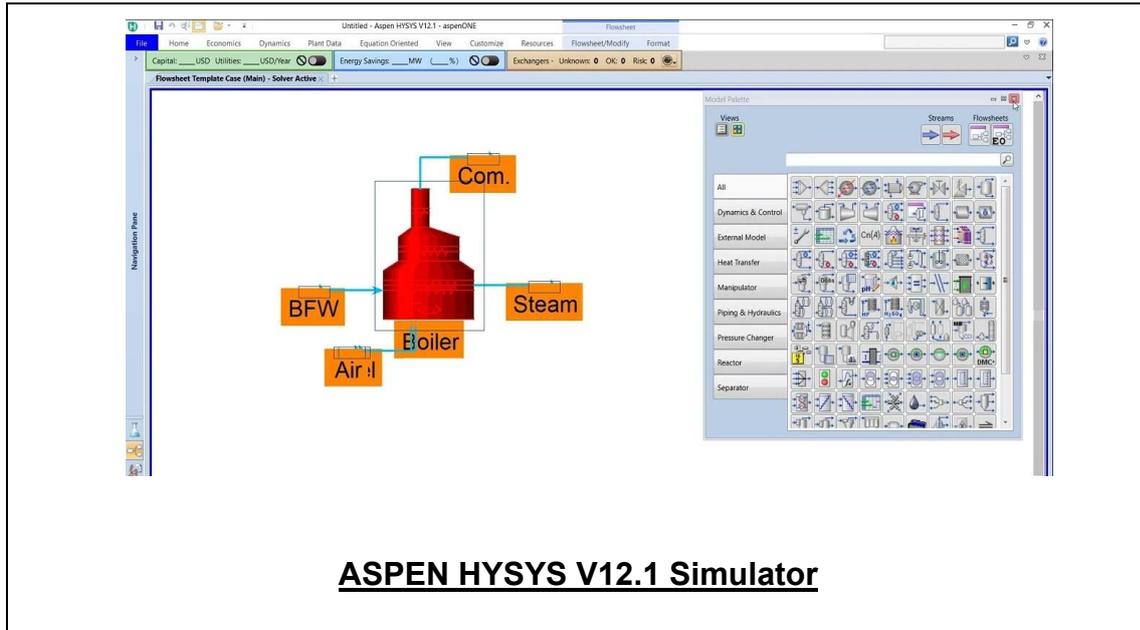
0730 – 0915	Fired Heaters (cont'd) Furnace Operation • Furnace Draft • Coking • Ignition • Furnace Operation • High Pressure Fir - Box Furnace • Furnace Tube Life • Furnace Start Up • Maximum Skin Temperature
0915 – 0930	Break
0930 – 1100	Fired Heaters (cont'd) Flame Distribution • Balance of Flow • Pre-Start Up • Ignition of Burner Under Pressure • Furnace Shut Down • Furnace Heat - Off • Furnace Emergency Shut Down • Action in the Event of Tube Rupture • Minor Tube Leak
1100 – 1200	Fired Heaters (cont'd) Furnace Typical Operating Problems • Effect of Reduced Air • Absolute Combustion • Oxygen Starvation • Fir Box & Flame Appearance • Secondary Combustion • Furnace Troubleshooting • Loss of Flame • Flame Control
1200 – 1215	Break
1215 – 1345	Fired Heaters (cont'd) Heater Tube Failure • High Temperature Creep • Purge Steam • Identifying Thin Tube & Hot Spot • Tube Fire Side Heater • Furnace Explosion • Flame Temperature • Flame Stability • Combustion
1345 – 1400	Course Conclusion
1400 – 1415	POST-TEST
1415 – 1430	Presentation of Course Certificates
1430	Lunch & End of Course



Simulator (Hands-on Practical Sessions)

Practical sessions will be organized during the course for delegates to practice the theory learnt. Delegates will be provided with an opportunity to carryout various exercises using our state-of-the-art simulator “Heat Exchanger Tube Layout”, ” Heat Exchanger CBT” and “ASPEN HYSYS V12.1” simulator.





ASPEN HYSYS V12.1 Simulator

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