

COURSE OVERVIEW PE0912

Advanced Refinery Operations, Plants Process & Troubleshooting

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Course Reference

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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.



Refinery processes consist of many complex apparatuses involving both moving and static parts as well as interconnecting pipes, control mechanisms and electronics, mechanical and thermal stages, heat exchangers, waste and side product processing units, power ducts and many others. Bringing such a complicated unit online and ensuring its continued productivity requires substantial skill at anticipating, detecting and solving acute problems. Failure to identify and resolve these problems quickly can lead to lost production, off-spec product, equipment loss, and even catastrophic accidents. Therefore, the ability to troubleshoot refinery operations is one of the most valuable skills operations personnel can possess.



Typical refineries operate about 26 days of the month to cover costs. The remaining days in the month they operate to make a profit. If the process is down for five days, then the company cannot cover costs and no profit has been made. Engineers must quickly and successfully solve any troublesome problems that occur. Sometimes the problems occur during startup; sometimes, just after a maintenance turn-around; and sometimes unexpectedly during usual operation. A troubleshooting problem is one where something occurs that is unexpected to such an extent that it is perceived that some corrective action may be needed. The trouble usually occurs somewhere in a system that consists of various pieces of interacting equipment run by people.

Who Should Attend

This course provides a basic overview of all significant aspects and considerations of advanced refinery operations plants process and troubleshooting for process engineers, process technical staff, plant managers, team leaders, section heads, production managers, production engineers, operations managers, operations engineers, refinery managers, engineers, superintendents, supervisors, shift superintendents and foremen, plant supervisors, operators, lead operators, area superintendents and technical staff to improve their knowledge on refinery process unit operation and equipments used in operation and handling of process and equipments during any problem and emergency.

Course Date/Venue

Session(s)	Date	Venue
1	April 27-May 01, 2026	Salon Expo, NH Hotel Plaza de Armas, Seville, Spain
2	June 15-19, 2026	Ruben Boardroom, The Rubens at The Palace, Buckingham Palace Road, London, United Kingdom
3	July 12-16, 2026	Meeting Room 4, Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza, Corniche El Nil, Garden City, Cairo, Egypt
4	August 02-06, 2026	Pierre Lotti Meeting Room, Movenpick Hotel Istanbul Golden Horn, Istanbul, Turkey
5	October 04-08, 2026	Tamra Meeting Room, Al Bandar Rotana Creek, Dubai, UAE
6	December 13-17, 2026	Meeting Plus 9, City Centre Rotana, Doha, Qatar
7	January 17-21, 2027	Pierre Lotti Meeting Room, Movenpick Hotel Istanbul Golden Horn, Istanbul, Turkey
8	February 07-11, 2027	Tamra Meeting Room, Al Bandar Rotana Creek, Dubai, UAE
9	February 15-19, 2027	Salon Expo, NH Hotel Plaza de Armas, Seville, Spain
10	March 15-19, 2027	Ruben Boardroom, The Rubens at The Palace, Buckingham Palace Road, London, United Kingdom

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 **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 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.

Accommodation

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

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:



Dr. John Petrus, PhD, MSc, BSc, is a **Senior Process Engineer** with over **30 years** of **onshore & offshore** experience within the **Oil & Gas, Refinery and Petroleum** industries. His wide experience covers in the areas of **De-Sulfurization Technology, Process Troubleshooting, Distillation Towers, Fundamentals of Distillation** for Engineers, **Distillation Operation and Troubleshooting, Advanced Distillation Troubleshooting, Distillation Technology, Vacuum Distillation, Distillation Column Operation & Control, Oil Movement Storage & Troubleshooting, Process Equipment Design, Applied Process Engineering Elements, Process Plant Optimization, Revamping & Debottlenecking, Process Plant Troubleshooting & Engineering Problem Solving, Process Plant Monitoring, Catalyst Selection & Production Optimization, Operations Abnormalities & Plant Upset,**

Process Plant Start-up & Commissioning, Clean Fuel Technology & Standards, Flare, Blowdown & Pressure Relief Systems, Oil & Gas Field Commissioning Techniques, Pressure Vessel Operation, Gas Processing, Chemical Engineering, Process Reactors Start-Up & Shutdown, Gasoline Blending for Refineries, Urea Manufacturing Process Technology, Continuous Catalytic Reformer (CCR), Advanced Operational & Troubleshooting Skills, Principles of Operations Planning, Rotating Equipment Maintenance & Troubleshooting. Further he is also well versed in **Rotating Machinery Principles & Applications, Rotating Equipment Selection, Operation, Maintenance, Inspection & Troubleshooting, Rotating Machine/Equipment in Industry, Control Valves & Actuators, PSV Maintenance & Testing, Pump Selection, Installation, Performance & Control, Screw Compressor Theory and Troubleshooting, Reliability-Centered Maintenance (RCM), Preventive & Predictive Maintenance, Spare Parts Planning & Inventory Management, Computerized Maintenance Management Systems (CMMS), Process Plant Shutdown & Turnaround, Maintenance Optimization & Best Practices, Reliability Centered Maintenance Principles & Application, Efficient Shutdowns, Turnaround & Outages, Effective Reliability Maintenance & Superior Maintenance Strategies, Integrity & Asset Management, Total Plant Reliability Maintenance, Vibration Measurement, Advanced Analytics in Oil & Gas, Business Intelligence Data Analytics, Audit Analytics & Computer-Assisted Audit Techniques (CAATs), Basic Database Concepts & Data Formats, Data Analysis Cycle & Best Practices, Data Importing & Integrity Verification, Advanced Analytics Tools in Auditing, Leveraging AI & Machine Learning in Audits, Data Mining Techniques for Auditors, Data Analytics for Managerial Decision Making, Business Process Analysis, Mapping & Modeling, Research Methods & Analysis, Statistical Data Needs Analysis, Oil & Gas Industry Business Environment & Competitive Intelligence Gathering & Analysis, Petroleum Economics & Risk Analysis, Certified Data Analysis, Risk Management & SWIFT Analysis, Best Practices Management System (BPMS), GIS System Management, Database Management, Strategic Planning, Best Practices and Workflow, Quality Management, Project Management and Risk Assessment & Uncertainty Evaluation.** Further, he is also well-versed in **seismic interpretation, mapping & reservoir modelling tools** like **Petrel software, LandMark, Seisworks, Geoframe, Zmap** and has extensive knowledge in **MSDos, Unix, AutoCAD, MAP, Overlay, Quicksurf, 3DStudio, Esri ArcGIS, Visual Lisp, Fortran-77 and Clipper.** Moreover, he is a world **expert in analysis and modelling of fractured prospects and reservoirs** and a **specialist and developer of fracture modelling software tools** such as **FPDM, FMX and DMX Protocols.**

During his career life, Dr. Petrus held significant positions and dedication as the **Executive Director, Senior Geoscience Advisor, Exploration Manager, Project Manager, Manager, Process Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Maintenance Engineer, Chief Geologist, Chief of Exploration, Chief of Geoscience, Senior Geosciences Engineer, Senior Explorationist, Senior Geologist, Geologist, Senior Geoscientist, Geomodeller, Geoscientist, CPR Editor, Resources Auditor, Project Leader, Technical Leader, Team Leader, Scientific Researcher and Senior Instructor/Trainer** from various international companies and universities such as the **Dragon Oil Holding Plc., ENOC, MENA, ENI Group of Companies, Ocre Geoscience Services (OGS), Burren RPL, Ministry of Oil-Iraq, Eni Corporate University, Stanford University, European Universities, European Research Institutes, NorskHydro Oil Company, Oil E&P Companies,** just to name a few.

Dr. Petrus has a **PhD in Geology and Tectonophysics** and **Master and Bachelor** degrees in **Earth Sciences** from the **Utrecht University, The Netherlands.** Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer, a Certified Trainer/Assessor/Internal Verifier** by the **Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM),** a Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Directors of Multicultural Centre, Association Steunfonds SSH/SSR and Founding Member of Sfera Association. He has further published several scientific publications, journals, research papers and books and delivered numerous trainings, workshops, courses, seminars and conferences internationally.

Course Fee

Doha	US\$ 6,000 per Delegate. This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.
Istanbul	US\$ 6,000 per Delegate + VAT . This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.
Dubai	US\$ 5,500 per Delegate + VAT . This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.
London	US\$ 8,800 per Delegate + VAT . This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.
Seville	US\$ 8,800 per Delegate + VAT . This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.
Cairo	US\$ 5,500 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

0730 – 0745	<i>Registration & Coffee</i>
0745 – 0800	<i>Welcome & Introduction</i>
0800 – 0815	PRE-TEST
0815 – 0800	<i>Petroleum Refinery Process</i>
0800 – 0930	<i>Crude Processing</i>
0930 – 0945	<i>Break</i>
0945 – 1100	<i>Desalting</i>
1100 – 1130	<i>Atmospheric Distillation</i>
1130 – 1215	<i>Vacuum Distillation</i>
1215 – 1230	<i>Heavy Oils Processing/Bottom of the Barrel Upgrading (Cocking & Thermal Processes, Delayed Coking, Fluid Coking, Flexicoking, Visbreaking)</i>
1230 – 1245	<i>Break</i>
1245 – 1315	<i>Process of Production</i>
1315 – 1420	<i>Case Study - Example</i>
1420 – 1430	<i>Recap</i>
1430	<i>Lunch & End of Day One</i>

Day 2

0730 – 0830	<i>Fluid Catalytic Cracking</i>
0830 – 0930	<i>Hydrocracking</i>



0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Cat Cracking
1100 – 1130	Isomerization
1130 – 1200	Alkylation
1200 – 1230	Hydrotreating
1230 – 1330	Break
1330 – 1400	Catalytic Reforming
1400 – 1420	Case Study - Example
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Two

Day 3

0730 – 0830	Process Key Operational Conditions & Factors
0830 – 0930	Blending for Product Specifications
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Hydrogen Production
1100 – 1130	Refinery Gas Plants
1130 – 1200	Acid Gas Treating
1200 – 1230	Utilities
1230 – 1330	Break
1330 – 1400	Sulfur Recovery Plants
1400 – 1420	Case Study - Example
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Three

Day 4

0730 – 0830	Utilities
0830 – 0930	Oil & Gas Measurement & Control
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Process Troubleshooting Concepts & Techniques
1100 – 1130	Troubleshooting Tools
1130 – 1200	Typical Problems
1200 – 1230	Flooding & its Detection
1230 – 1330	Break
1330 – 1400	Interaction of Process & Equipment
1400 – 1420	Case Study - Example
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Four

Day 5

0730 – 0830	Saltation & Entrapment
0830 – 0930	Tower Scan & Inspection
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Refinery Economics
1100 – 1130	Residue Reduction
1130 – 1145	Asphalt & Residual Fuel
1145 – 1215	Refinery Complexity & Netback
1215 – 1230	Economic Evaluation



1230 – 1245	Break
1245 – 1315	Cost Estimation
1315 – 1345	Case Study – Example
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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