



COURSE OVERVIEW PE0100 **Certification in Process Plant Optimization Technology and** **Continual Improvement**

Course Title

Certification in Process Plant Optimization Technology and Continual Improvement

Course Date/Venue

November 22-26, 2026/TBA Meeting Room, Elite Byblos Hotel Al Barsha, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, UAE

Course Reference

PE0100

Course Duration/Credits

Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 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.

In a typical processing plant, such as a petrochemical plant or oil refinery, there are hundreds and even thousands of control loops. Each control loop is responsible for controlling one part of the process, such as maintaining a temperature, level or flow. If the control loop is not properly designed and tuned, the process runs below its optimum. The process will be more expensive to operate, and equipment will wear out prematurely. For each control loop to run optimally, identification of sensor, valve, and tuning problems is important. It has been well documented that over 35% of control loops typically have problems.

Process plant optimization is the set of adjustments of the various processes in order to optimize some specified set of parameters without violating some constraints. The most common goals are minimizing cost and maximizing throughput and efficiency. When optimizing a process, the goal is to maximize one or more of the process specifications, while keeping all others within their constraints. This can be done by using a process mining tool, discovering the critical activities and bottlenecks, and acting only on them.



Process plant optimization involves evaluating every process and interaction in order to determine the best possible outcome. It includes the optimization of process equipment, operating procedure and control systems. This can result in improved flexibility, modernization and the best use of equipment, improved automation, decreased production time, and increased innovation.

The aim of this course is to provide participants with a complete and up-to-date overview of process plant optimization. Upon the successful completion of this course, participant will gain a satisfactory understanding of the concepts of optimization fundamentals, process plant design optimization, process plant planning optimization, process plant operations optimization, process controls, optimizing reliability, optimizing offsite operations, continuous improvement and integrated supply chain optimization. Actual case studies from around the world will be demonstrated to highlight the topics discussed.

Course Objectives/Outcomes & Benefits for the Participants

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

- Apply and gain an in-depth knowledge on process plant optimization technology and continuous improvement
- Define and identify the basic optimization fundamentals and tools
- Illustrate breakeven analysis, graphical methods, numerical methods, incremental methods, linear programming, quadratic programming and non-linear optimization techniques
- Describe global and local optima, design optimization, NP maximization and configuration optimization
- Discuss integer programming, capacity creep and plant debottlenecking as well as optimize operations planning, unit performance and process operations
- Explain linear programs and non-linear models, scheduling by parameters for optimization, crude unit cut points, reformer severity, FCC conversion and other key parameters
- Integrate unit performance, describe the utilities and process controls and differentiate analogue controls versus digital controls as well as feed-back versus feed-forward controls
- Determine DCS and advanced controls, process analyzers, off-line optimization, multivariable process control and inferential controls and differentiate dynamic versus steady-state
- Discuss statistical process control, optimizing reliability, RCFA logic diagrams and fault trees, turnaround planning, materials inventory management, management and information systems
- Employ risk management and optimization, offsite operations optimization, offsites design, storage facilities operation, utilities management, inventory management, blending optimization and continuous improvement
- Acquire knowledge on the elements in supply chain, lean manufacturing, kaisan and six sigma, benchmarking and best practices
- Distinguish the difference between plant optimization versus supply chain optimization and discuss the summary of refinery and process plant optimization

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 aspect and considerations of process plant optimization technology and continuous improvement for managers, leaders, section heads, superintendents, supervisors, process engineers, production engineers, plant engineers and planning engineers.

Training Methodology

Our courses employ an interactive, learner-centred methodology that integrates theoretical knowledge with practical application. The training is delivered through a suitable combination of some or all of the following methods, selected according to the course content and learning objectives:

- Instructor-led presentations and facilitated discussions
- Practical workshops and participant presentations
- Hands-on exercises and real-world case studies
- Equipment demonstrations and technical drawings
- Hardware- and software-based simulations
- Gamification & Role Play in soft-skills courses only
- Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR)
- Instructional videos and other relevant training resources

This blended approach encourages active participation, strengthens practical skills and supports the effective application of acquired knowledge in the workplace.

Learning Design & Customization

This course can be customized to the exact requirements of clients. Haward Technology is so proud of our huge capabilities in tailoring our courses to the training needs of our valued clients.

Course Fee

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.

Accommodation

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



Course Certificate(s)

- (1) Internationally recognized Competency Certificates will be issued to participants who completed a minimum of 80% of the total tuition hours and successfully passed the exam at the end of the course. Certificates are valid for 5 years.

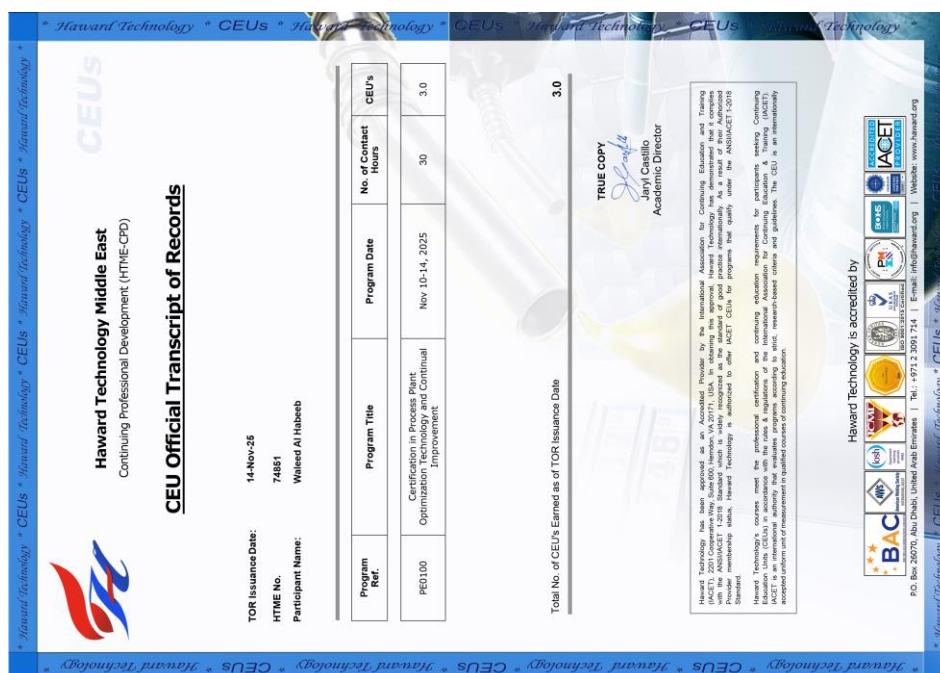
Recertification is FOC for a Lifetime.

Sample of Certificates

The following are samples of the certificates that will be awarded to course participants:-



- (2) Official Transcript of Records will be provided to the successful delegates with the equivalent number of ANSI/IACET accredited Continuing Education Units (CEUs) earned during the course.



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)

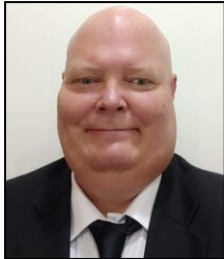
Haward Technology is an Authorized Training Provider by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), 2201 Cooperative Way, Suite 600, Herndon, VA 20171, USA. In obtaining this authority, Haward Technology has demonstrated that it complies with the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard** 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.

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. Andrew Ladwig is a **Senior Process & Mechanical Maintenance Engineer** with over **25 years** of extensive experience within the **Oil & Gas, Refinery, Petrochemical & Power** industries. His expertise widely covers in the areas of **Ammonia Manufacturing & Process Troubleshooting, Distillation Towers, Crude Oil Distillation, Ammonia Storage & Loading Systems, Operational Excellence in Ammonia Plants, Fertilizer Storage Management (Ammonia & Urea), Fertilizer Manufacturing Process Technology, Sulphur Recovery, Phenol Recovery & Extraction, Refining Process & Petroleum Products, Refinery Planning & Economics, Hydrotreating & Hydro-processing, Separators in Oil & Gas Industry, Gas Testing & Energy Isolations, Industrial Liquid Mixing, Extractors, Fractionation, Water Purification, Water Transport & Distribution, Environmental Emission Control, Process Plant Troubleshooting & Engineering Problem Solving, Process Plant Performance, Plant Startup & Shutdown, Process Troubleshooting Techniques and Oil & Gas Operation/Surface Facilities.** Further, he is also well-versed in **Rotating Machinery (BRM), Rotating Equipment Operation & Troubleshooting, Root Cause Analysis (RCA), Process Plant Shutdown, Turnaround & Troubleshooting, Planning & Scheduling Shutdowns & Turnarounds, Optimizing Equipment Maintenance & Replacement Decisions, Maintenance Planning & Scheduling, Material Cataloguing, Maintenance, Reliability & Asset Management Best Practices, Storage Tanks Operations & Measurements, Tank Inspection & Maintenance, Pressure Vessel Operation, Flare & Relief System, Flaring System Operation, PSV Inspection & Maintenance, Centrifugal & Reciprocating Compressor, Screw Compressor Troubleshooting, Heat Exchanger Overhaul & Testing, Pipe Stress Analysis, Control Valves & Actuators, Vent & Relief System, Centrifugal & Reciprocating Pump Installation & Repair, Heat Exchanger Troubleshooting & Maintenance, Steam Trapping & Control, Control & ESD System and Detailed Engineering Drawings, Codes & Standards.**

During his career life, Mr. Ladwig has gained his practical experience through his various significant positions and dedication as the **Mechanical Engineer, Project Engineer, Reliability & Maintenance Engineer, Maintenance Support Engineer, Process Engineer, HSE Supervisor, Warehouse Manager, Quality Manager, Business Analyst, Senior Process Controller, Process Controller, Safety Officer, Mechanical Technician, Senior Lecturer and Senior Consultant/Trainer** for various companies such as the Sasol Ltd., Sasol Wax, Sasol Synfuels, just to name a few.

Mr. Ladwig has a **Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering** and a **Diploma in Mechanical Engineering**. Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer, a Certified Internal Verifier/Assessor/Trainer** by the **Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM)** and has delivered various trainings, workshops, seminars, courses and conferences internationally.



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: Sunday, 22nd of November 2026

0730 – 0800	Registration & Coffee
0800 – 0815	Welcome & Introduction
0815 – 0830	PRE-TEST
0830 – 0845	Optimization Fundamentals
0845 – 0900	Definitions & Basic Optimization Tools
0900 – 0930	Breakeven Analysis
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1000	Graphical Solutions
1000 – 1030	Numerical Methods
1030 – 1100	Incremental Method
1100 – 1130	Linear Programming (LP)
1130 – 1200	Quadratic Programming (QP)
1200 – 1230	Non-Linear Optimization Techniques
1230 – 1245	Break
1245 – 1300	Global & Local Optima
1300 – 1315	Optimizing the Design
1315 – 1330	Maximizing NP
1330 – 1345	Configuration Optimization
1345 – 1400	Integer Programming (IP)
1400 – 1415	Capacity Creep
1415 – 1420	Plant Debottlenecking
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day One

Day 2: Monday, 23rd of November 2026

0730 – 0800	Optimizing Operations Planning
0800 – 0830	Linear Programs (LP) & Non-Linear Models
0830 – 0900	Optimizing Unit Performance
0900 – 0930	Scheduling
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1015	Optimizing Process Operations
1015 – 1045	Key Parameters for Optimization
1045 – 1115	Crude Unit Cut Points
1115 – 1200	Reformer Severity
1200 – 1215	Break
1215 – 1245	FCC Conversion
1245 – 1315	Other Key Parameters
1315 – 1345	Integrating Unit Performance
1345 – 1420	Utilities
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Two



Day 3: Tuesday, 24th of November 2026

0730 – 0815	<i>Process Controls</i>
0815 – 0900	<i>Analogue Controls versus Digital Controls</i>
0900 – 0930	<i>Feed-back & Feed-forward Controls</i>
0930 – 0945	<i>Break</i>
0945 – 1030	<i>DCS (Distributed Control Systems) & Advanced Controls</i>
1030 – 1115	<i>Process Analyzers</i>
1115 – 1200	<i>Off-line Optimization</i>
1200 – 1230	<i>Real Time Online Optimization</i>
1230 – 1245	<i>Break</i>
1245 – 1315	<i>Multivariable Process Control & Inferential Controls</i>
1315 – 1345	<i>Dynamic versus Steady-State</i>
1345 – 1420	<i>Statistical Process Control</i>
1420 – 1430	<i>Recap</i>
1430	<i>Lunch & End of Day Three</i>

Day 4: Wednesday, 25th of November 2026

0730 – 0800	<i>Optimizing Reliability</i>
0800 – 0830	<i>Root Cause Failure Analysis</i>
0830 – 0900	<i>Logic Diagrams & Fault Trees</i>
0900 – 0930	<i>Turnaround Planning</i>
0930 – 0945	<i>Break</i>
0945 – 1015	<i>Materials Inventory Management</i>
1015 – 1100	<i>Management & Enterprise Information Systems</i>
1100 – 1130	<i>Risk Management & Optimization</i>
1130 – 1200	<i>Optimizing Offsites Operations</i>
1200 – 1215	<i>Break</i>
1215 – 1245	<i>Offsites Design</i>
1245 – 1315	<i>Storage Facilities Operation</i>
1315 – 1345	<i>Utilities Management</i>
1345 – 1415	<i>Inventory Management</i>
1415 – 1420	<i>Blending Optimization</i>
1420 – 1430	<i>Recap</i>
1430	<i>Lunch & End of Day Four</i>

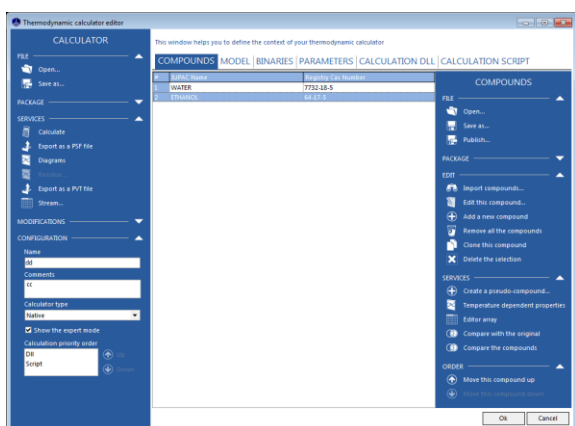
Day 5: Thursday, 26th of November 2026

0730 – 0815	<i>Continuous Improvement</i>
0815 – 0900	<i>Lean Manufacturing</i>
0900 – 0915	<i>Break</i>
0915 – 1000	<i>Kaisan & Six Sigma</i>
1000 – 1045	<i>Benchmarking & Best Practices</i>
1045 – 1130	<i>Plant Optimization versus Supply Chain Optimization</i>
1130 – 1200	<i>Elements in Supply Chain</i>
1200 – 1215	<i>Break</i>
1215 – 1245	<i>Summary of Refinery & Process Plant Optimization Trends</i>
1245 – 1300	<i>Crude Unit Optimization Case Study</i>
1300 – 1315	<i>Course Conclusion</i>
1315 – 1415	COMPETENCY EXAM
1415 – 1430	<i>Presentation of Course Certificates</i>
1430	<i>Lunch & End of Course</i>

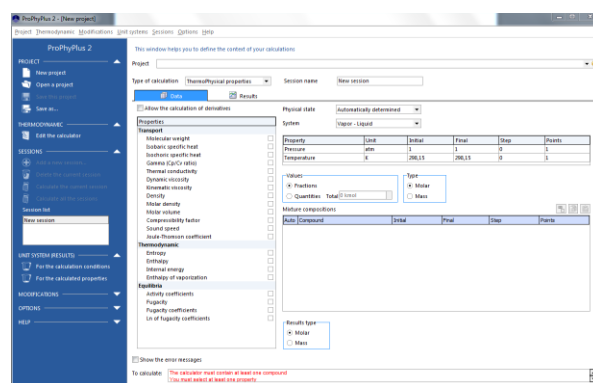


Simulator (Hands-on Practical Sessions)

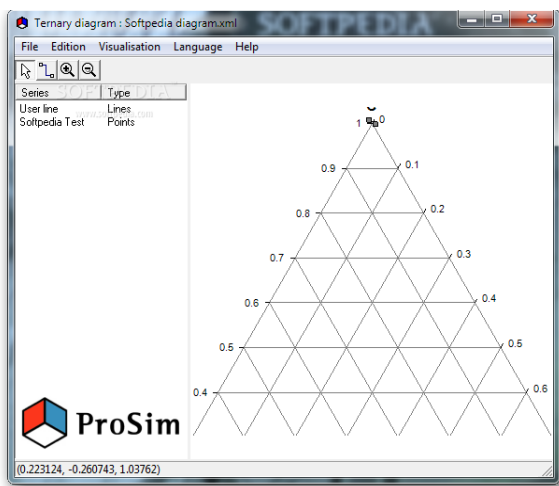
Practical sessions will be organized during the course for delegates to practice the theory learnt. Delegates will be provided with an opportunity to carryout various exercises using the “Simulis Thermodynamics”, ProPhyPlus”, “ProSim Ternary Diagram” and “Simulis Conversions” simulators.



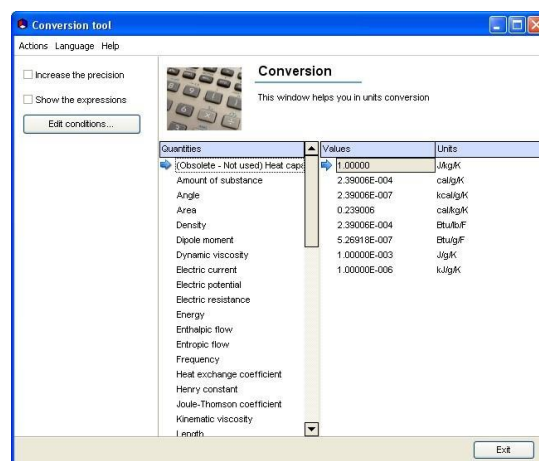
Simulis® Thermodynamics



ProPhyPlus



ProSim Ternary Diagram



Simulis Conversions

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