COURSE OVERVIEW IE0068
Industrial Automation with MCC and VFD System

Course Title
Industrial Automation with MCC and VFD System

Course Date/Venue
October 13-17, 2025/Fujairah Meeting Room, The Tower Plaza Hotel Dubai, Dubai, UAE

Course Reference
IE0068

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 Theory learnt will be applied using our state-of-the-art simulators.

This course is designed to provide participants with a detailed and up-to-date overview of Industrial Automation with MCC and VFD Systems. It covers the basics of electrical power systems, power factor, energy efficiency, electrical safety fundamentals and earthing and grounding principles; the control system basics, industrial motors and detailed MCC design and layout; the MCC installation guidelines and procedures, testing, commissioning, routine and preventive maintenance practices and common troubleshooting techniques; and the types of starters in MCCs, protection devices in MCCs and communication and smart MCCs.

Further, the course will also discuss the VFD principles of operation, VFD components and design, VFD configuration and programming, VFD protection mechanisms and applications of VFD system; the writing and communication setup, protocols for MCC-VFD communication and synchronization of multiple drives; the role of PLCs in MCC and VFD integration; configuring HMIs for MCC and VFD control; and the real-time monitoring, data logging and alarm and fault management.

During this interactive course, participants will learn the energy-saving strategies with MCC and VFD, power quality issues and mitigation techniques; the electrical and mechanical safety measures, lockout/tagout procedures, risk assessment and emergency shutdown procedures; the advanced features of VFDs and process automation with MCC and VFD; the diagnostic tools for MCC and VFD, step-by-step troubleshooting methodology, and analyzing fault logs and system reports; modernizing existing MCC system and upgrading VFDs for higher performance; the energy efficiency retrofitting techniques and cost-benefit analysis of upgrades; and the industrial automation standards, environmental regulations, electrical codes and certifications and documentation and reporting requirements.

Course Objectives

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

- Apply and gain an in-depth knowledge on industrial automation with motor control center (MCC) and variable frequency drive (VFD) systems
- Discuss industrial automation, motor control center and variable frequency drive system
- Explain the basics of electrical power systems, power factor, energy efficiency, electrical safety fundamentals, and earthing and grounding principles
- Recognize control system basics, industrial motors and detailed MCC design and layout
- Employ MCC installation guidelines and procedures, testing, commissioning, routine and preventive maintenance practices, and common troubleshooting techniques
- Identify the types of starters in MCCs, protection devices in MCCs, and communication and smart MCCs
- Determine VFD principles of operation, VFD components and design, VFD configuration and programming, VFD protection mechanisms and applications of VFD system
- Apply writing and communication setup, protocols for MCC-VFD communication and synchronization of multiple drives
- Define the role of PLCs in MCC and VFD integration, configure HMIs for MCC and VFD control and apply real-time monitoring, data logging, and alarm and fault management
- Employ energy-saving strategies with MCC and VFD, identify power quality issues and mitigation techniques and apply electrical and mechanical safety measures, lockout/tagout procedures, risk assessment and emergency shutdown procedures
- Discuss the advanced features of VFDs covering multi-motor control, regenerative braking, dynamic braking resistors and custom programming options
- Carryout process automation with MCC and VFD, integration with SCADA/DCS systems and predictive maintenance systems
- Use diagnostic tools for MCC and VFD, apply step-by-step troubleshooting methodology and analyze fault logs and system reports

- Modernize existing MCC system, upgrade VFDs for higher performance and apply energy efficiency retrofitting techniques and cost-benefit analysis of upgrades
- Review industrial automation standards, environmental regulations, electrical codes and certifications, and documentation and reporting requirements

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 industrial automation with MCC and VFD systems for engineers, electrical engineers, automation engineers, mechanical engineers, technicians and operators, maintenance technicians, plant operators, project managers, supervisors and team leads, consultants and system integrators and other technical staff.

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 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.

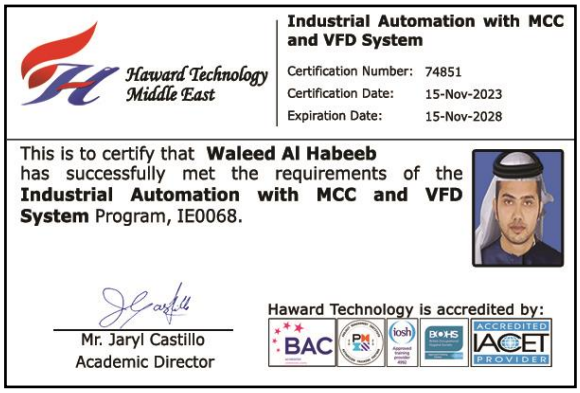
Course Certificate(s)

(1) Internationally recognized Competency Certificates and Plastic Wallet Cards 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.

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Continuing Professional Development (HTME-CPD)

CEU Official Transcript of Records

TOR Issuance Date: 15-Nov-23

HTME No. 74851

Participant Name: Waleed Al Habeeb

Program Ref.	Program Title	Program Date	No. of Contact Hours	CEU's
IE0068	Industrial Automation with MCC and VFD System	November 11-15, 2023	30	3.0

Total No. of CEU's Earned as of TOR Issuance Date **3.0**

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Certificate Accreditations

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

- 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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  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. Barry Pretorius is a **Senior Instrumentation Engineer** with almost **30** years of extensive experience within the **Oil**, **Gas**, **Petrochemical**, **Refinery** & **Power** industries. His expertise widely covers in the areas of Distributed Control System (**DCS**), **DCS** Operations & Techniques, **Plant Control** and Protection Systems, **Electrical** for **MCC & VFD** Systems, **Process Control & Instrumentation**, **Cascade Control Loops**, **Split-Range Control Loops**, **Capacity Control** & Other Advanced Control Schemes, **Safety Instrumented Systems**, **Plant Automation** Operations & Maintenance, Programmable Logic Controller (**PLC**), **Siemens PLC** Simatic S7-400/S7-300/S7-200, **PLC & SCADA** for Automation & Process Control, **Artificial Intelligence**, **Allen Bradley PLC** Programing and Hardware Trouble Shooting, Schneider **SCADA System**, **Wonder Ware**, **Emerson**, **Honeywell**, **Honeywell** Safety Manager PLC, **Yokogawa**, Advanced **DCS Yokogawa**, **Endress & Hauser**, Field Commissioning and Start up Testing Pre Operations, System Factory Acceptance Test (**FAT**), FactoryLink ECS, Modicon 484, Rockwell Automation, System Site Acceptance Test (**SAT**), **SCADA HMI & PLC** Control Logic, **Cyber Security** Practitioner, **Cyber Security** of Industrial Control System, **IT Cyber Security** Best Practices, **Cybersecurity** Fundamentals, **Ethical Hacking & Penetration Testing**, **Cybersecurity** Risk Management, **Cybersecurity** Threat Intelligence, **OT Whitelisting** for Better Industrial Control System Defense, **NESA** Standard and Compliance Workshop, **OT**, **Cyber Attacks** Awareness - Malware/Ransom Ware / Virus /Trojan/ Philsing, **Information Security Manager**, **Security System** Installation and Maintenance, Implementation, Systems Testing, Commissioning and Startup, **Foxboro DCS & Triconics**, **SIS** Systems, Advanced **DC Drives**, Motion Control, **Hydraulics**, **Pneumatics and Control Systems** Engineering, **Electrical & Automation Control Systems**, **HV/MV Switchgear**, **LV & MV** Switchgears & Circuit Breakers, **High Voltage Electrical Safety**, **LV & HV Electrical System**, **HV Equipment** Inspection & Maintenance, **LV Distribution Switchgear & Equipment**, **Electrical Safety**, **Electrical** Maintenance, **Transformers**, **Medium & High Voltage Equipment**, **Circuit Breakers**, **Cable & Overhead Line** Troubleshooting & Maintenance, **Electrical Drawing & Schematics**, **Voltage Distribution**, **Power Distribution**, **Filters**, **Automation System**, **Electrical Variable Speed Drives**, **Power** Systems, **Power Generation**, **Diesel Generators**, **Power Stations**, Uninterruptible Power Systems (**UPS**), **Battery Chargers**, **AC & DC Transmission**, **CCTV** Installation, **Data & Fire Alarm** System, **Evacuation** Systems and **Electrical Motors & Variable Speed Drives**, & Control of Electrical and Electronic devices.

During Mr. Pretorius's career life, he has gained his practical experience through several significant positions and dedication as the **Senior Technical Analyst, Team Leader, Pre-operations Startup Engineer, Automation System's Software Manager, Automation System's Senior Project Engineer, PLC Specialist, Site Manager, Senior Project & Commissioning Engineer, Technical Director, Project Engineer, Radio Technician**, **A T E Technician** and **Senior Instructor/Trainer** from various companies like the ADNOC Sour Gas, Ras Al Khair Aluminum Smelter, Johnson Matthey Pty. Ltd, Craigcor Engineering, Unitronics South Africa Pty (Ltd), Bridgestone/Firestone South Africa Pty (Ltd) and South African Defense Force.

Mr. Pretorius's has a Higher Diploma in **Electrical Engineering Heavy Current**. Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer** and delivered numerous trainings, courses, workshops, seminars 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 workshop for technical reasons with no prior notice to participants. Nevertheless, the course objectives will always be met:

Day 1: ***Monday, 13th of October 2025***

0730 – 0800	*Registration & Coffee*
0800 – 0815	*Welcome & Introduction*
0815 – 0830	***PRE-TEST***
0830 – 0930	***Introduction to Industrial Automation*** *Definition & Importance • Components of Automation Systems • Key Industrial Automation Applications • Trends & Future Prospects in Automation*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1030	***Overview of MCC (Motor Control Center)*** *What is an MCC? • Types of MCCs (Conventional & Intelligent) • Basic Components of MCC (Switchgear, Breakers, Relays, etc.) • Standards & Classifications (IEC, NEMA)*
1030 – 1130	***Basics of VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) Systems*** *What is a VFD? • Importance of VFDs in Automation • Basic Working Principles • Benefits of VFD Systems*
1130 – 1215	***Electrical Fundamentals for MCC & VFD Systems*** *Basics of Electrical Power Systems (Single-Phase versus Three-Phase) • Power Factor & Energy Efficiency • Electrical Safety Fundamentals • Earthing & Grounding Principles*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1330	***Control Systems Basics*** *Open-loop versus Closed-Loop Control • Overview of PLCs & HMIs in Automation • Sensors & Actuators in Control Systems • Communication Protocols in Automation (e.g., Modbus, Profibus)*
1330 – 1420	***Understanding Industrial Motors*** *Types of Motors Used in Automation (AC, DC, Stepper, Servo) • Motor Control Principles • Motor Ratings & Specifications • Motor Starting Methods & Protection*
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 One*

Day 2: ***Tuesday, 14th of October 2025***

0730 – 0830	***Detailed MCC Design & Layout*** *Components of MCC Design • Busbar Configuration & Types • Power Distribution Inside MCC • MCC Panel Arrangement & Labeling*
0830 – 0930	***MCC Installation & Maintenance*** *Installation Guidelines & Procedures • Testing & Commissioning MCCs • Routine & Preventive Maintenance Practices • Common Troubleshooting Techniques*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Types of Starters in MCCs*** *Direct-On-Line (DOL) Starter • Star-Delta Starter • Soft Starters • Applications & Differences Among Starters*

1100 – 1215	***Protection Devices in MCC*** *Overload Relays & Circuit Breakers • Short-Circuit Protection Devices • Thermal Protection & Fuses • Coordination of Protection Devices*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1330	***Communication & Smart MCCs*** *Intelligent MCCs (iMCCs) Overview • Integration of MCC with SCADA & DCS Systems • Use of Smart Devices in MCC • Data Monitoring & Diagnostics in iMCCs*
1330 – 1420	***Practical Exercises*** *Identifying MCC Components • Reading MCC Wiring Diagrams • Hands-on Assembly of a Basic MCC Panel • Simulated Troubleshooting Exercises*
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 Two*

Day 3: Wednesday, 15th of October 2025

0730 – 0830	***VFD Principles of Operation*** *Working Principle of VFDs • Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) in VFDs • Frequency & Voltage Control • VFD Efficiency & Energy Savings*
0830 – 0930	***VFD Components & Design*** *Rectifier & Inverter Units • Filters & Capacitors • Cooling Systems in VFDs • User Interfaces & Displays*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***VFD Configuration & Programming*** *Understanding VFD Parameters • Setting up Acceleration & Deceleration Times • Torque & Speed Control Settings • Integration with External Controls (PLCs, HMIs)*
1100 – 1215	***VFD Protection Mechanisms*** *Overcurrent & Overvoltage Protection • Thermal Overload & Ground Fault Protection • Common Fault Codes & Remedies • Maintenance Practices for VFD Systems*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1330	***Applications of VFD Systems*** *Pump & Fan Control • Conveyor Belt Systems • HVAC Applications • Specialized Applications (e.g., Cranes, Lifts)*
1330 – 1420	***Hands-on VFD Exercise*** *Connecting a Motor to a VFD • Parameter Setup for Specific Applications • Troubleshooting Common VFD Issues • Live Demonstration of Energy Savings*
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, 16th of October 2025

0730 – 0830	***Interfacing MCC & VFD Systems*** *Wiring & Communication Setup • Protocols for MCC-VFD Communication • Synchronization of Multiple Drives • Case Studies of MCC-VFD Integration*
0830 – 0930	***Automation Control with MCC & VFD*** *Role of PLCs in MCC & VFD Integration • Configuring HMIs for MCC & VFD Control • Real-time Monitoring & Data Logging • Alarm & Fault Management*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Energy Efficiency & Power Quality*** *Energy-Saving Strategies with MCC & VFD • Power Quality Issues & Mitigation Techniques • Harmonics in VFD Systems • Role of Filters & Reactors*
1100 – 1215	***Safety in MCC & VFD Operations*** *Electrical & Mechanical Safety Measures • Lockout/Tagout Procedures • Risk Assessment for MCC & VFD Systems • Emergency Shutdown Procedures*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1330	***Advanced Features of VFDs*** *Multi-Motor Control • Regenerative Braking • Dynamic Braking Resistors • Custom Programming Options*
1330 – 1420	***Practical Case Study*** *Simulated Industrial Scenario • Designing an Integrated MCC-VFD System • Configuring Parameters for Specific Applications • Testing the Integrated System*
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 Four*

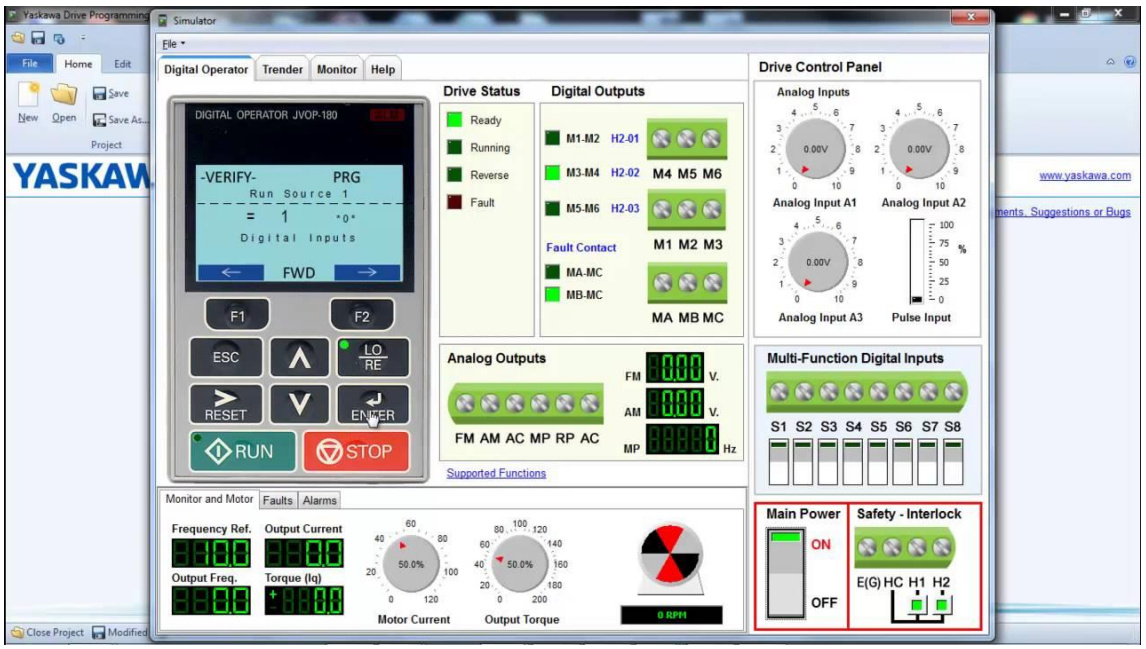
Day 5: Friday, 17th of October 2025

0730 – 0830	***Advanced Industrial Applications*** *Process Automation with MCC & VFD • Integration with SCADA/DCS Systems • Predictive Maintenance Systems • IIoT Applications in MCC & VFD Systems*
0830 – 0930	***Diagnostics & Troubleshooting*** *Using Diagnostic Tools for MCC & VFD • Step-by-Step Troubleshooting Methodology • Analyzing Fault Logs & System Reports • Real-World Problem-Solving Scenarios*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Retrofitting & Upgrading Systems*** *Modernizing Existing MCC Systems • Upgrading VFDs for Higher Performance • Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Techniques • Cost-Benefit Analysis of Upgrades*
1100 – 1200	***Compliance & Standards*** *Industrial Automation Standards (IEC, IEEE, NEMA) • Environmental Regulations (EMI/EMC Compliance) • Electrical Codes & Certifications • Documentation & Reporting Requirements*
1200 – 1215	*Break*

1215 – 1300	***Capstone Project*** *Design & Implement a Real-World Automation System • MCC & VFD Integration for a Specific Application • Presentation & Demonstration of the Project • Feedback & Evaluation*
1300 – 1315	***Course Conclusion***
1315 – 1415	***COMPETENCY EXAM***
1415 – 1430	*Presentation of Course Certificates*
1430	*Lunch & End of Course*

Simulators (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 "Yaskawa Programming Simulator", "Variable Speed Drive (VSD)", "Fluke 77 IV Digital Multimeter" and "Toolkit"



YASKAWA Programming Simulator

Variable Speed Drive (VSD)

Fluke 77 IV Digital Multimeter

Toolkit

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