

# COURSE OVERVIEW PE0078 Separator Simulation & Internal Design

<u>Course Title</u> Separator Simulation & Internal Design

#### Course Date/Venue

March 02-06, 2025/Boardroom 1, Elite Byblos Hotel Al Barsha, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, UAE

(30 PDHs)

Course Reference PE0078

## **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.

This course is designed to provide participants with a detailed and up-to-date overview of Separator Simulation and Internal Design. It covers the separation processes and the role of separators in the oil and gas industry; the principles of gas-liquid-solid separation; the applications of separators in upstream and downstream operations; the basic separator and configurations; the separator types components covering vessel shell, nozzles, internals, mist eliminators, demisters, liquid and gas outlets; the key performance parameters including separation efficiency, flow capacity and pressure drop, emulsion breaking considerations and operational constraints; and the physical properties affecting separation and separator simulation tools.



Further, the course will also discuss the design principles for separator internals, inlet devices, mist eliminators, weirs and baffles and liquidliquid coalescers; the sizing calculations for separators; the phase behavior and its impact on design; preparing simulation workflow inputs, analyze pressure drop and flow distribution; the dynamic behavior of separators; and the multiphase flow dynamics and emulsion management in separators.



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During this interactive course, participants will learn the separator fouling and maintenance, heat integration and thermal effects and specialized separator configurations; troubleshooting common separator issues; the operational monitoring and control covering key performance indicators (KPIs) for separators, process control strategies and predictive maintenance; the safety and regulatory compliance; and the emerging trends in separator design.

### **Course Objectives**

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

- Apply and gain an in-depth knowledge on separator simulation and internal design
- Discuss separation processes and identify the role of separators in the oil and gas industry, the principles of gas-liquid-solid separation and the applications of separators in upstream and downstream operations
- Recognize the basic separator types and configurations as well as the separator components covering vessel shell, nozzles, internals, mist eliminators, demisters, liquid and gas outlets
- Illustrate the key performance parameters including separation efficiency, flow capacity and pressure drop, emulsion breaking considerations and operational constraints
- Discuss the physical properties affecting separation and separator simulation tools
- Identify the design principles for separator internals, inlet devices, mist eliminators, weirs and baffles and liquid-liquid coalescers
- Determine sizing calculations for separators and explain the phase behavior and its impact on design
- Prepare simulation workflow inputs, analyze pressure drop and flow distribution and illustrate the dynamic behavior of separators
- Explain multiphase flow dynamics and emulsion management in separators
- Discuss the separator fouling and maintenance, heat integration and thermal effects and specialized separator configurations
- Troubleshoot common separator issues and discuss the operational monitoring and control covering key performance indicators (KPIs) for separators, process control strategies and predictive maintenance
- Carryout safety and regulatory compliance and discuss the emerging trends in separator design

## Exclusive Smart Training Kit - H-STK®



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



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### Who Should Attend

This course provides an overview of all significant aspects and considerations of separator simulation and internal design for process engineers, mechanical engineers, chemical engineers, project engineers, operations and maintenance technicians, plant managers, equipment designers and separator specialists.

#### 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: -

British Accreditation Council (BAC)

Haward 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, Haward Technology meets all of the international higher education criteria and standards set by BAC.

• 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.



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#### 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. Muhammad Khaleel, MSc, BSc, NEBOSH-IGC, is a Senior Process Engineer with extensive experience within the Oil, Gas, Refinery, Petrochemical and Utilities industries. His expertise includes HYSYS Simulation, Aspen HYSYS, Process Plants Simulation using Aspen HYSYS, Aspen HYSYS: Design & Rate Shell, Basic Process Modelling Engineering Drawings using AutoCAD, Separator Simulation & Internal Design, Process Commissioning, Start-up & Troubleshooting, Process Safety Management (PSM), Metering System Calibration & Validation, Pressure Relief & Flare

Systems, Process Safety Analysis, SIL Determination & Verification, Energy & Fuel Equivalent Concept, Distillation Processes, Natural Gas Processing Fundamentals, Gas Processing Plants Operation & Troubleshooting, Pressure Control & Flare System Design, Advanced LPG/NGL Technology, Surface Production Facilities, Energy Consumption of Significant Energy, Energy Data Analysis & Benchmarking in Oil & Gas Plant, Overall Energy Efficiency Improvement Opportunities, Energy Integration using Pinch Analysis & Load Management, Technical Energy Audit Methodology, Techno Economic Feasibility, Implementation of Energy Management System (ISO 50001) and Safety Instrumented Function (SIS). Further, he is also well-versed in NEBOSH International General Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety, HAZOP Studies, HSSE Management System, HSSE Audit & Inspection, HSEQ Procedures, Authorized Gas Testing, Confined Space Entry & Rescue, Risk Management, Quantitative & Qualitative Risk Assessment, HSE Industrial Practices, Manual Handling, Rigging Safety Rules, Machinery & Hydraulic Lifting Equipment, Warehouse Incidents & Accidents Reporting, Incident & Accident Investigation, Emergency Planning, Emergency Response & Crisis Management Operations, Waste Management Monitoring, Root Cause Analysis, Hazard & Risk Assessment, Task Risk Assessment (TRA), Working at Height, Firefighting Techniques, Fire & Gas Detection System, Fire Fighter & Fire Rescue, Fire Risk Assessment, HAZOP & HAZID, HAZMAT, HAZCOM, LOPA & PHA. He is also proficient with engineering software such as Process Simulation Programs (Aspen HYSYS, PIPESIM), Process Safety Software (PHAWorks5 and PHA Pro), CMMS, GMS, AutoCAD Plant 3D, P&ID, Phyton, Macos, Visio, Avocet and HTML.

During his career life, Mr. Muhammad worked as a **Training Instructor**, **Senior Process Operations Engineer**, **Process Competence Assessor**, **Energy Optimization Specialist**, **Commissioning Engineer**, **Process Operations Supervisor** and **Senior Instructor/Trainer** from various international companies like EI-Wastani Petroleum Company (WASCO), OGS (Oil and Gas Skills), ENPPI Academy, Talent and ITS (Information Technology Specialists), WDDM, WND and Korra Energi-Flared Gas Recovery Project.

Mr. Muhammad has Master and Bachelor degrees in Petroleum Engineering. Further, he has a Certificate in International General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety by the National Examination Board in Occupational Health and Safety (NEBOSH). He is also a Certified Energy Manager (CEM) by the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), a Certified Functional Safety Engineer (FSE) by the TÜV Rheinland, a Certified Competence Assessor by the Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Organisation (OPITO), a Certified Training of Trainers (ToT) and has delivered numerous trainings, courses, workshops, seminars and conferences internationally.



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## Training Methodology

All our Courses are including Hands-on Practical Sessions using equipment, Stateof-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 Fee**

US\$ 5,500 per Delegate + VAT. This rate includes H-STK<sup>®</sup> (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 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:	Sunday, 02 <sup>nd</sup> of March 2025
0730 – 0800	Registration & Coffee
0800 - 0815	Welcome & Introduction
0815 - 0830	PRE-TEST
	Introduction To Separation Processes
	Role of Separators in the Oil & Gas Industry • Types of Separators (Three-
0830 - 0930	Phase, Two-Phase, Horizontal, Vertical) • Overview of Gas-Liquid-Solid
	Separation Principles • Applications of Separators in Upstream & Downstream
	Operations
0930 - 0945	Break
	Basic Separator Types & Configurations
0945 – 1030	Horizontal versus Vertical Separators • Three-Phase versus Two-Phase
	Separators • Knockout Drums & Scrubbers • Compact Separators
	Separator Components
1030 – 1130	Vessel Shell & Nozzles • Internals: Baffles, Inlet Diverters, Weirs • Mist
	Eliminators & Demisters • Liquid & Gas Outlets
	Key Performance Parameters
1130 – 1215	Separation Efficiency • Flow Capacity & Pressure Drop • Emulsion Breaking
	Considerations • Operational Constraints
1215 - 1230	Break



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1230 - 1330	Physical Properties Affecting SeparationDensity Differences • Surface Tension • Viscosity & Temperature Effects •Droplet Size Distribution
1330 - 1420	<i>Introduction to Separator Simulation Tools</i> <i>Overview of Simulation Software</i> • <i>Importance of Simulations in Separator</i> <i>Design</i> • <i>Basic Simulation Workflows</i> • <i>Key Input Parameters for Simulations</i>
1420 - 1430	<b>Recap</b> Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day One

Day 2:	Monday, 03 <sup>rd</sup> of March 2025
0730 - 0830	Design Principles for Separator Internals
	Flow Distribution & Control • Retention Time Considerations • Droplet
	Settling & Stokes' Law • Minimizing Re-Entrainment
	Inlet Devices
0830 - 0930	Types: Vane, Cyclonic & Impact Plates • Role in Gas-Liquid Distribution •
	Performance Optimization • Common Design Challenges
0930 - 0945	Break
	Mist Eliminators
0945 - 1100	Mesh Pads, Vane Packs & Fiber Beds • Efficiency & Pressure Drop Trade-Offs
0040 - 1100	• Design Criteria for Demisting Equipment • Case Studies of Mist Eliminator
	Failures
	Weirs & Baffles
1100 – 1215	Function in Liquid-Liquid Separation • Impact on Flow Stabilization • Design
	<i>Guidelines for Optimal Performance</i> • <i>Challenges in Maintenance &amp; Fouling</i>
1215 – 1230	Break
	Liquid-Liquid Coalescers
1230 - 1330	Role in Separating Water from Hydrocarbons • Coalescing Media Types
1230 - 1330	(Fibers, Mesh) • Performance Metrics (Breakthrough Point, Efficiency) •
	Maintenance & Troubleshooting
	Case Study: Internal Design Optimization
1330 - 1420	Analyzing a Real-World Separator Design • Identifying Bottlenecks •
1330 - 1420	Proposing & Simulating Internal Improvements • Comparing Results Pre- &
	Post-Optimization
1420 - 1430	Recap
	Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the
	Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be
	Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day Two

Day 3:	Tuesday, 04 <sup>th</sup> of March 2025
	Sizing Calculations for Separators
0730 – 0830	Gas & Liquid Handling Capacity • Retention Time Calculations • Settling
	Velocity & Drag Force Considerations • Influence of Pressure & Temperature
	Phase Behavior & Its Impact on Design
0830 - 0930	Understanding PVT Properties • Flash Calculations & Phase Envelopes •
	Impact of Gas-Oil Ratio (GOR) • Dehydration & Dew Point Effects
0930 - 0945	Break



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0945 – 1100	Simulation Workflow & Inputs
	Preparing Simulation Inputs (Fluid Properties, Flow Rates) • Setting Up
	Boundary Conditions • Understanding Output Parameters • Common Pitfalls
	in Separator Simulations
1100 - 1215	Pressure Drop & Flow Distribution Analysis
	Calculating Pressure Drops Across Internals • Impact of Flow Maldistribution
	• Flow Assurance in Multiphase Streams • Simulation of Flow Dynamics
	(CFD Applications)
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 - 1330	Dynamic Behavior of Separators
	Transient Simulation Techniques • Startup, Shutdown & Upset Conditions •
	Impact of Slug Flow & Foaming • Monitoring Operational Stability
	Simulation Software Workshop
1330 - 1420	Hands-On Session with Simulation Software • Setting Up a Two-Phase
	Separator Model • Analyzing & Interpreting Results • Iterative Design
	Adjustments
1420 – 1430	Recap
	Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the
	Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be
	Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day Three

Day 4:	Wednesday, 05 <sup>th</sup> of March 2025
0730 - 0830	Multiphase Flow Dynamics
	Understanding Slug Flow, Churn Flow & Stratified Flow • Impact on
	Separator Design & Performance • Modeling Flow Regimes in Simulation
	Tools • Design Adjustments for Dynamic Flows
	Emulsion Management in Separators
0020 0020	Causes of Emulsions in Oil-Water Separation • Impact on Separator
0830 - 0930	Performance • Chemical & Mechanical Solutions for Demulsification •
	Designing Separators for Emulsion-Heavy Streams
0930 - 0945	Break
	Separator Fouling & Maintenance
0945 – 1100	Causes of Fouling (Wax, Scale, Asphaltenes) • Impact on Separator Efficiency
	• Designing for Fouling Mitigation • Maintenance & Cleaning Strategies
	Heat Integration & Thermal Effects
1100 1015	Role of Temperature in Separation Processes • Heat Exchanger Integration •
1100 - 1215	Thermal Stress on Separator Materials • Simulation of Temperature-
	Dependent Behavior
1215 – 1230	Break
	Specialized Separator Configurations
1000 1000	Compact Separators for Offshore Applications • Hybrid Separators (E.G.,
1230 - 1330	Cyclonic Plus Coalescing) • High-Pressure Separators • Novel Designs &
	Emerging Technologies
	Case Study: Advanced Design Simulation
1330 – 1420	Designing a Separator for Challenging Conditions • Handling High GOR &
	Water Cuts • Simulation-Based Troubleshooting • Validation & Optimization
	Recap
1420 - 1430	Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the
	Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be
	Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day Four



Day 5:	Thursday, 06 <sup>th</sup> of March 2025
0730 - 0830	Troubleshooting Common Separator Issues
	<i>Causes of Carryover &amp; Carry-Under</i> • <i>Diagnosing Maldistribution Problems</i> •
	Handling Foaming & Surging • Resolving Demisting Inefficiencies
	<b>Operational Monitoring &amp; Control</b>
0830 0030	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Separators • Advanced Monitoring
0850 - 0950	Techniques (Sensors, AI) • Process Control Strategies • Predictive
	Maintenance
0930 - 0945	Break
	Safety & Regulatory Compliance
0045 1100	Separator Design Codes & Standards (ASME, API) • Pressure Vessel Safety
0943 - 1100	Considerations • Risk Assessment in Separator Operations • Ensuring
	Environmental Compliance
	Emerging Trends in Separator Design
1100 1230	Digital Twins for Separator Optimization • AI & Machine Learning in
1100 - 1250	Separator Monitoring • Advances in Separator Materials & Coatings • Future
	Directions in Simulation Technology
1230 - 1245	Break
1245 - 1345	Group Project: End-to-End Separator Design
	Designing a Separator for a Real-World Scenario • Sizing, Simulation &
	Internal Layout • Presenting Design Decisions • Peer & Instructor Feedback
1345 - 1400	Course Conclusion
	<i>Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the</i>
	Course Topics that were Covered During the Course
1400 – 1415	POST-TEST
1415 – 1430	Presentation of Course Certificates
1430	Lunch & Lunch & End of Course



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## 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 "ASPEN HYSYS" simulator.



## Course Coordinator

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