



**COURSE OVERVIEW DE0767**  
**Drilling Fluids and the Circulating System**  
**(E-Learning Module)**

**Course Title**

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**Course Reference**

DE0767

**Course Format & Compatibility**

SCORM 1.2. Compatible with IE11, MS-Edge, Google Chrome, Windows, Linux, Unix, Android, IOS, iPadOS, macOS, iPhone, iPad & HarmonyOS (Huawei)

**Course Duration**

30 online contact hours  
(3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs)



**Course Description**



This E-Learning course is designed to provide participants with a detailed and up-to-date overview of drilling fluids and the circulating system. It covers the drilling fluid cycle, well schematic, formation damage, corrosion reduction and electrochemical corrosion cell; the types of lost circulation zones, stuck pipe reduction, and differential pressure sticking, pressure losses in a circulating mud system and penetration rates; the characteristics of a drilling fluid and the principal components of drilling fluids; the water base mud, gas drilling fluid, oil-based mud and viscosity; and the behavior and flow performance of drilling fluid including the fundamental properties of drilling fluids.



Further, the course will also discuss the drilling fluids classification and additives, clear fluid systems, density and comparative densities of clear-fluid completion systems; the laboratory compatibility tests, brine formulations, metallurgical factors, packer-fluid treatments and corrosion test; the displacement procedure, applications of DIF systems, filtration tests and applications for air, foam, and aerated mud; the various types aerated fluids and recommended applications; the recommended operating procedures for aerated mud; the corrective procedures and formulations; and the rheological models and hydraulics calculation terms.



During this course, participants will learn the laminar calculation and turbulent flow; the mud handling equipment; the pump configurations, particle size classification, well control, shut-in procedures, kill methods, concurrent method and drill cuttings evaluation; and the sample contamination, percentage composition, limestone classification and porosity descriptions.

### **Course Objectives**

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

- Apply and gain an in-depth knowledge on drilling fluids and the circulating system
- Recognize drilling fluid cycle, well schematic, formation damage, corrosion reduction and electrochemical corrosion cell
- Identify the types of lost circulation zones, reduce stuck pipe and discuss differential pressure sticking, pressure losses in a circulating mud system and penetration rates
- Describe the characteristics of a drilling fluid and the principal components of drilling fluids
- Discuss water base mud, gas drilling fluid, oil-based mud and viscosity
- Explain the behavior and flow performance of drilling fluid including the fundamental properties of drilling fluids
- Classify drilling fluids and additives, clear fluid systems, density and comparative densities of clear-fluid completion systems
- Apply laboratory compatibility tests, brine formulations, metallurgical factors, packer-fluid treatments and corrosion test
- Carryout displacement procedure, applications of DIF systems, filtration tests and applications for air, foam, and aerated muds
- Recognize the various types aerated fluids and recommended applications
- Employ the recommended operating procedures for aerated mud as well as corrective procedures and formulations
- Illustrate rheological models and define hydraulics calculation terms
- Calculate laminar and turbulent flow and identify mud handling equipment
- Apply pump configurations, particle size classification, well control, shut-in procedures, kill methods, concurrent method and drill cuttings evaluation
- Review sample contamination, percentage composition, limestone classification and porosity descriptions

### **Who Should Attend**


This course covers systematic techniques on drilling fluids and the circulating system for drilling engineers, drilling representatives, drilling fluid engineers, contractor personnel, drilling supervisors, mud engineers, cementing engineers, tool pushers, managers and technical support involved with drilling operations and responsible for the development, planning and application of the drilling fluids program.

**Course Certificate(s)**

Internationally recognized certificates will be issued to all participants of the course.

**Certificate Accreditations**

Certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations: -


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USA International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET)

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**Course Fee**

As per proposal

### **Training Methodology**

This Trainee-centered course includes the following training methodologies:-

- Talking presentation Slides (ppt with audio)
- Simulation & Animation
- Exercises
- Videos
- Case Studies
- Gamification (learning through games)
- Quizzes, Pre-test & Post-test

Every section/module of the course ends up with a Quiz which must be passed by the trainee in order to move to the next section/module. A Post-test at the end of the course must be passed in order to get the online accredited certificate.

### **Course Contents**

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- Drilling Fluid Cycle
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- Minimize Formation Damage
- Reduce Corrosion
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- Electrochemical Corrosion Cell
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- (Quiz – 3)
- Minimize Lost Circulation
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- Lime Mud & Gypsum Mud
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- Pac-R
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- T.S.P.P.
- Caco3 (Fine)
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- Nutshell (F.M.C.)
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- Fibwood
- Aluminium Stearate
- Calcium Chloride
- Castic Soda
- Lime
- Potassium Chloride
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- Soda Ash
- Sodium Bicarbonate
- Sodium Chloride
- Starch Preservative
- Nlhyd.sulphalem
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- (Carrbo Tec)
- (Carrbo Mul)
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