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Overview

Drilling Engineering Fundamentals Training Course is a one-week foundation course for graduate and junior engineers, rig-site staff, operations coordinators, technical support teams, and non-specialists who leave with a Well Construction Fundamentals Workbook. Participants connect well objectives, rig systems, drilling sequence, bits and BHA, fluids, hydraulics, casing, cementing, directional basics, barriers, performance, problems, reports, and handovers. The course builds integrated drilling literacy without specialist design depth. Agile Leaders Training Center presents drilling engineering fundamentals.

Who Should Attend

- Junior well-engineering functions responsible for planning support and technical records
- Rig-site functions responsible for monitoring activities and reporting evidence
- Operations functions responsible for coordinating drilling interfaces and handovers
- Technical-support functions responsible for data, equipment, and service coordination
- Non-specialist functions responsible for reviewing drilling scope, progress, or risk

The course assumes participants have basic technical literacy and exposure to oilfield terminology, and it leaves out specialist BHA, fluid, cementing, directional, offshore, well-control certification, and QAQC design.

Departments and Industries

The course supports departments and industries that coordinate well construction and drilling evidence.

- Oil and gas drilling and well engineering
- Geothermal well construction
- Drilling contractors and rig operations
- Oilfield service and equipment providers
- Technical assurance and project coordination

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Build a map of the well-construction lifecycle
- Compare rig, bit, BHA, fluid, casing, and cementing functions
- Apply basic pressure, hydraulics, and volume relationships
- Analyze barriers, drilling indicators, and common problems
- Use daily reports and handover records

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- Prioritize multidisciplinary actions during drilling

Course Agenda

Day 1: Map Well Construction

- Well Objective, Section, and Architecture Map
- Well-Construction Lifecycle and Decision-Gate Diagram
- Land and Offshore Rig System Function Chart
- Drilling Team, Contractor, and Service Responsibility Matrix
- Drilling Sequence and Section-Readiness Checklist

Day 2: Connect Downhole Systems

- Drill Bit Type and Formation Application Matrix
- Basic BHA Component and Function Diagram
- Drillstring, Hoisting, Rotation, and Circulation Flow Map
- Directional Drilling Build-Hold-Drop Concept Sheet
- Drilling Parameter and Rate-of-Penetration Trend Board

Day 3: Manage Fluids and Wellbore

- Drilling Fluid Function and System-Type Comparison
- Hydrostatic Pressure and Equivalent Circulating Density Worksheet
- Basic Hydraulics and Annular-Velocity Calculation Sheet
- Cuttings Transport and Hole-Cleaning Indicator Checklist
- Kick, Loss, Stuck-Pipe, and Instability Recognition Guide

Day 4: Link Barriers and Evidence

- Casing String Purpose and Setting-Depth Interface Map
- Primary Cementing Sequence and Barrier Diagram
- Well-Control Barrier and BOP Function Checklist
- Daily Drilling Report and Morning-Meeting Evidence Sheet
- Section Handover, Lessons, and Action Register

Day 5: Practice Drilling Decisions

- Suggested Exercise: Sequence a Well Section and Rig Activities
- Suggested Exercise: Calculate Pressure, Volume, and Circulation Indicators
- Suggested Exercise: Recognize a Drilling Problem from Trends
- Suggested Exercise: Review Barriers and Daily Report Evidence
- Capstone Exercise: Complete the Well Construction Fundamentals Workbook

Practical Exercises

The course uses suggested activities to connect drilling terminology, calculations, operating evidence, and team decisions.

- Suggested activity: map well sections, rig systems, contractors, services, and decision gates.
- Suggested activity: calculate basic hydrostatic pressure, annular volume, and circulation indicators.
- Suggested activity: interpret trends for kicks, losses, hole cleaning, stuck pipe, and instability.
- Suggested activity: assemble reports, barrier checks, actions, and handovers into one workbook.

FAQs

Who suits drilling engineering fundamentals training, and what does it assume?

Drilling engineering fundamentals training suits graduate engineers, junior well staff, rig-site personnel, operations coordinators, technical support teams, and non-specialists. It assumes basic technical literacy rather than prior drilling design experience.

How does drilling engineering fundamentals differ from advanced drilling fluids training?

Drilling engineering fundamentals maps the whole well-construction lifecycle and the interfaces among rig, downhole, fluid, barrier, reporting, and handover systems. Advanced drilling fluids training develops specialist fluid design, chemistry, hydraulics, testing, and troubleshooting depth.

What are the main systems in drilling engineering fundamentals?

Drilling engineering fundamentals connects rig power, hoisting, rotation, circulation, pressure control, drillstring, BHA, bits, fluids, casing, cement, directional tools, monitoring, and reporting systems.

How are basic drilling problems recognized?

Basic drilling problems are recognized by comparing flow, pit volume, pressure, torque, drag, rate of penetration, cuttings, returns, and operating events with expected trends and barrier status.

Why are daily drilling reports important in well construction?

Daily drilling reports create a shared record of depth, activities, time, parameters, materials, problems, decisions, costs, risks, actions, and the basis for the next handover.

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Conclusion

Participants take back a Well Construction Fundamentals Workbook linking objectives, systems, calculations, barriers, trends, reports, and handovers. The workbook turns separate drilling terms into a usable lifecycle view. It supports clearer coordination and better technical questions without replacing specialist engineering design.