

Thickening and Filtration Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	General Training	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master solid–liquid separation principles in industrial processes
2. Understand thickener design, sizing, and performance optimization
3. Apply flocculation and coagulation chemistry for improved settling
4. Optimize slurry rheology and sedimentation behavior
5. Improve filtration efficiency and cycle time reduction
6. Evaluate vacuum, pressure, and membrane filtration systems
7. Enhance tailings dewatering and water recovery systems
8. Reduce operational costs through process optimization strategies
9. Diagnose and troubleshoot thickener underflow and overflow issues
10. Improve cake moisture control and filtration performance metrics
11. Implement automation and process control in separation systems
12. Apply sustainable wastewater treatment and reuse technologies
13. Develop competency in industrial case-based process engineering decisions

Target Audience

1. Process engineers in mining and mineral processing
2. Metallurgical and chemical engineers
3. Plant operators and shift supervisors
4. Water and wastewater treatment engineers
5. Technical maintenance and reliability engineers
6. Environmental compliance and sustainability officers
7. Engineering students and graduate trainees
8. Project managers in process industries

Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of Solid–Liquid Separation

- Particle size distribution and slurry characterization
- Principles of sedimentation and gravity settling
- Forces influencing separation efficiency
- Overview of thickening and filtration systems
- Case Study: Copper ore slurry settling optimization in concentrator plants

Module 2: Thickener Design and Operation

- Thickener types-conventional, high-rate, high-density
- Hydraulic loading and solids flux theory
- Rake mechanism and torque management
- Underflow density optimization techniques
- Case Study: Gold plant thickener throughput bottleneck resolution

Module 3: Flocculation and Chemical Conditioning

- Role of polymer flocculants in separation efficiency
- Coagulation mechanisms and dosing control
- Mixing energy and chemical dispersion strategies
- Impact of pH and ionic strength on performance
- Case Study: Iron ore beneficiation plant flocculation improvement

Module 4: Filtration Technologies and Equipment

- Vacuum vs pressure filtration systems
- Filter media selection and permeability
- Cake formation and resistance theory
- Filtration cycle optimization
- Case Study: Coal slurry vacuum filtration performance upgrade

Module 5: Advanced Membrane Filtration Systems

- Microfiltration, ultrafiltration, nanofiltration principles
- Membrane fouling and cleaning strategies
- Flux rate optimization and energy efficiency
- Industrial applications in wastewater recovery
- Case Study: Industrial effluent treatment using membrane systems

Module 6: Process Control and Automation

- SCADA systems in thickening and filtration
- Real-time monitoring of slurry density and flow
- Sensor technologies and instrumentation
- Feedback control loops for optimization
- Case Study: Automated thickener control in mineral processing plant

Module 7: Tailings Management and Water Recovery

- Sustainable tailings disposal methods
- Water balance optimization in processing plants
- Paste thickening and high-density tailings
- Environmental compliance and risk mitigation
- Case Study: Dry stacking tailings implementation in mining operation

Module 8: Troubleshooting and Performance Optimization

- Common operational failures and root cause analysis
- Scaling, blinding, and equipment wear issues
- KPI tracking for separation efficiency
- Continuous improvement methodologies

- Case Study: Filtration bottleneck resolution in phosphate plant

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	11 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
07 Sep 2026	11 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500

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14 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
14 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$1,000
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500

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