Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance

GExperts Learning Academy | C-025 | C | 12 weeks

Course overview

12 weeks C programme focused on Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance, using energy-sector cases and applied decisions.

Designed for: Learners appropriate to the stated programme level

Learning outcomes

- Explain core principles and terminology for Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance.
- Interpret an applied case using evidence and stated assumptions.
- Identify risks, safeguards, role boundaries and escalation points.
- Prepare a clear recommendation for a multidisciplinary audience.

Course guide

Work through each module objective, lesson and teaching note, complete the applied activity and assessment, then use the separate Academy practice page for practice questions and answer feedback.

Separate practice questions:
https://www.globalexpertsconsultoria.com/training/academy/courses/questions/?course=C-025

Academic and certification status

Draft learning resource for study and review. It does not confer accreditation, external certification, a regulated qualification, professional licence, safety-critical competence or site authorisation. Confirm approvals, current laws, standards, approved procedures and awarding-body requirements before delivery.

Module 1: Asset lifecycle management

Learning objectives

- Explain asset lifecycle management, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Asset lifecycle management
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Asset decisions extend from design and procurement through operations, modification and retirement. Define required functions, service conditions and performance measures early. Integrity, availability and whole-life cost are related but different objectives.

Decision logic. Identify critical assets and establish information ownership across handover. Missing design, inspection or maintenance records can undermine later decisions. Lifecycle planning includes obsolescence, spares and decommissioning obligations rather than focusing only on purchase price.

Worked example. A low-cost pump has no maintainable offshore spare strategy and long replacement lead time.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Compare purchase cost with whole-life support for two fictional assets.

Model answer guide. Include downtime, maintenance, access, spares, documentation and retirement costs.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Compare purchase cost with whole-life support for two fictional assets.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 2: Corrosion mechanisms and damage management

Learning objectives

- Explain corrosion mechanisms and damage management, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Corrosion mechanisms and damage management
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Corrosion depends on materials, fluids, temperature, environment and operating history. Internal corrosion, external marine corrosion and localised attack can require different controls. Explain general thinning versus pitting and why average thickness may hide local damage.

Decision logic. Identify credible damage mechanisms before selecting inspection or mitigation. Coatings, inhibitors, material selection and cathodic protection have different applications. Competent engineers establish acceptance criteria; classroom measurements never approve equipment for continued service.

Worked example. A plate's average thickness appears acceptable but a local pit is much deeper.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Review a fictional damage map and propose a specialist inspection scope.

Model answer guide. Address local severity, mechanism, inspection coverage and operating conditions rather than average thickness alone.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Review a fictional damage map and propose a specialist inspection scope.

Assessment

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Practice

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Module 3: Inspection planning and technologies

Learning objectives

- Explain inspection planning and technologies, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Inspection planning and technologies
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Inspection seeks evidence of condition and degradation using methods fit for the expected damage. Coverage, access, resolution and operator competence affect confidence. Distinguish visual survey, thickness measurement and detailed examination.

Decision logic. Start with the question being answered, then select method and locations. A clean report from limited coverage does not prove the whole asset is defect-free. Record limitations, traceability, findings and required engineering disposition.

Worked example. An external visual survey cannot establish internal wall thickness beneath insulation.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Design an inspection brief with objective, coverage, method and reporting limits.

Model answer guide. Match technique to mechanism and state what cannot be concluded.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Design an inspection brief with objective, coverage, method and reporting limits.

Assessment

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Practice

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Module 4: Nondestructive testing fundamentals

Learning objectives

- Explain nondestructive testing fundamentals, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Nondestructive testing fundamentals
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. NDT evaluates material or component characteristics without intentional destruction. Visual, penetrant, magnetic-particle and ultrasonic methods detect different features and have different material and access requirements. Testing is distinct from engineering acceptance.

Decision logic. Explain sensitivity, calibration, indication interpretation and false calls. Qualified procedures and personnel are necessary in actual work. This foundation course does not award an NDT personnel qualification or authorise independent acceptance of welds or components.

Worked example. A surface technique may reveal a surface-breaking indication but cannot rule out every internal defect.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Select suitable methods for three fictional defect scenarios and justify limitations.

Model answer guide. Match defect location, material and geometry to method; require approved procedures and qualified assessment.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Select suitable methods for three fictional defect scenarios and justify limitations.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

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Practice

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Module 5: Risk based inspection

Learning objectives

- Explain risk based inspection, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Risk based inspection
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. RBI combines likelihood and consequence of failure to prioritise inspection and other actions. It relies on credible damage mechanisms, operating data and consequence modelling. High risk does not automatically mean only more inspection is needed.

Decision logic. Document assumptions and uncertainty and validate findings with competent teams. Mitigation may require operational change, repair or replacement. The course illustrates RBI logic without reproducing a proprietary standard or approving inspection intervals.

Worked example. A low-likelihood failure has severe consequences and therefore remains a priority for assurance.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Rank three fictional assets and explain the influence of consequence and uncertainty.

Model answer guide. Credit transparent reasoning and alternative controls; reject ranking only by historical failure count.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Rank three fictional assets and explain the influence of consequence and uncertainty.

Assessment

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Practice

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Module 6: Reliability centred maintenance

Learning objectives

- Explain reliability centred maintenance, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Reliability centred maintenance
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. RCM begins with required functions, functional failures, failure modes and consequences. Maintenance tasks should be applicable and effective for the failure mode. Calendar replacement is one option, not a universal solution.

Decision logic. Compare condition-based tasks, scheduled restoration, failure-finding, redesign and justified run-to-failure. Hidden protective failures require particular attention. Explain why an attractive maintenance schedule may not address the dominant failure mechanism.

Worked example. A standby protective device rarely operates, so lack of breakdown reports does not demonstrate availability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Create a function-failure-task table for a fictional standby system.

Model answer guide. Include hidden failure, consequence, detection method, interval rationale and review responsibility.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Create a function-failure-task table for a fictional standby system.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 7: Rotating and static equipment

Learning objectives

- Explain rotating and static equipment, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Rotating and static equipment
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Pumps and compressors transfer energy to fluids; vessels and exchangers provide containment and process functions. Introduce bearings, seals, lubrication and performance envelopes. Equipment identification supports fault communication but does not qualify independent operation.

Decision logic. Use trends and operating context to diagnose problems. Vibration, temperature or pressure anomalies can have several causes. Maintenance requires isolation and competent review, with manufacturer procedures and approved acceptance limits.

Worked example. A pump's vibration rises after a duty change; compare operating conditions before concluding bearing failure.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a fault-evidence table and decide what further data is needed.

Model answer guide. Include duty point, trend, lubrication, alignment and maintenance history without prescribing live adjustments.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a fault-evidence table and decide what further data is needed.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 8: Pipeline integrity

Learning objectives

- Explain pipeline integrity, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Pipeline integrity
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Pipeline integrity links design, materials, operation, corrosion control, inspection, damage assessment and repair. Threats include corrosion, fatigue, third-party damage and geohazards. Explain how service and environment influence the threat register.

Decision logic. Use condition evidence and engineering assessment to prioritise action. A pressure rating does not address all degradation or installation damage. All operating limits, repair decisions and fitness-for-service conclusions require competent approval.

Worked example. A route section crosses unstable seabed even though corrosion readings are low.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Create a pipeline threat register including non-corrosion threats.

Model answer guide. Include route movement, spans, fatigue, material condition and monitoring limitations.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Create a pipeline threat register including non-corrosion threats.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 9: Maintenance planning and CMMS

Learning objectives

- Explain maintenance planning and cmms, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Maintenance planning and CMMS
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. A computerised maintenance system links asset hierarchy, work orders, tasks, spares, labour and history. Data quality determines usefulness. Separate a work request, authorised work order, job execution and verified closure.

Decision logic. Prioritise work by consequence and criticality rather than age alone. A closed work order needs meaningful evidence, not just a status change. Backlogs should expose risk, deferrals and resource constraints. Protect safety-critical assurance from administrative closure.

Worked example. A work order says complete but contains no measurement, test result or technician record.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Improve a fictional maintenance record and prioritise a small backlog.

Model answer guide. Require asset identity, scope, condition, work evidence, unresolved defects and responsible acceptance.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Improve a fictional maintenance record and prioritise a small backlog.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

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Practice

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Module 10: Turnaround and shutdown management

Learning objectives

- Explain turnaround and shutdown management, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Turnaround and shutdown management
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Certificate in Asset Integrity, Inspection and Maintenance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Turnarounds combine inspection, maintenance and modifications during planned downtime. Scope definition, isolation, resources, logistics and reinstatement are tightly linked. Explain freeze dates, emergent work and critical-path control.

Decision logic. Prioritise justified scope and control changes. Startup readiness needs verified reinstatement and testing; completion percentages do not prove a system is ready. Contractors and operations must share clear boundaries, handovers and emergency arrangements.

Worked example. An emergent defect requires repair that affects another contractor's access and the restart sequence.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Build a shutdown plan with a change decision and reinstatement checklist.

Model answer guide. Include isolation, dependencies, quality records, testing, handover and authorised startup acceptance.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Build a shutdown plan with a change decision and reinstatement checklist.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Facilitator close-out and resources

Facilitator close-out

Record attendance, assessment evidence, learner support needs, incidents and improvement actions according to approved provider processes. Do not sign learners off for regulated or safety-critical work without the authorised assessment and certification route.

Resources and references

- Supplied GExperts/IUM reference materials; verify reuse rights and currentness.
- Current applicable Namibian legislation, standards and approved site procedures supplied by the provider.
- Case worksheet and instructor slides must be produced and reviewed before course release.