Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

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Course overview

14 weeks PC programme focused on Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance, using energy-sector cases and applied decisions.

Designed for: Learners appropriate to the stated programme level

Learning outcomes

- Explain core principles and terminology for Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance.
- 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=PC-036

Academic and certification status

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Module 1: FPSO processing storage and offloading

Learning objectives

- Explain fpso processing storage and offloading, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of FPSO processing storage and offloading
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. An FPSO receives production, separates fluids, treats streams, stores oil and transfers cargo to export vessels. Explain topsides, hull, marine systems and offloading interfaces. Storage capacity is different from processing capacity.

Decision logic. Link processing limits to reservoir fluid cases and marine availability. A delay in offloading can constrain production even if process equipment is healthy. Discuss integration between process safety, marine assurance, maintenance and cargo scheduling.

Worked example. A fictional FPSO processes 100,000 barrels/day and has 500,000 barrels of free storage, providing five days before storage fills at unchanged output.

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. Calculate free-storage endurance and list mitigations requiring review.

Model answer guide. Five days under simplified assumptions; review offloading schedule, safe operating limits and controlled production planning.

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

Applied activity

Calculate free-storage endurance and list mitigations requiring review.

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: Marine operations and station keeping

Learning objectives

- Explain marine operations and station keeping, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Marine operations and station keeping
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Floating facilities and vessels maintain position through mooring, dynamic positioning or combinations appropriate to their design. Marine operations depend on weather, equipment condition and personnel competence. Explain station-keeping failure consequences for risers, lines and transfer operations.

Decision logic. Operating windows are vessel- and task-specific. Review weather forecasts, redundancy, assurance and abort criteria before work. Do not use classroom numbers as vessel limits. Interface plans should define who can pause the operation and how changes are communicated.

Worked example. An operation remains within yesterday's forecast but the latest forecast deteriorates during the planned work window.

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 go-or-defer briefing identifying information needed, authority and contingency.

Model answer guide. Use current metocean data, approved limits, equipment status and safe disengagement planning.

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

Applied activity

Prepare a go-or-defer briefing identifying information needed, authority and contingency.

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

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Module 3: Separation gas processing and utilities

Learning objectives

- Explain separation gas processing and utilities, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Separation gas processing and utilities
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Production fluids are separated into oil, gas and water streams before further treatment. Gas compression, dehydration, oil stabilisation and utilities support product specifications and safe operation. Explain process flow diagrams before introducing instrument-level drawings.

Decision logic. Mass balance links input, output and accumulation. A bottleneck in power, cooling or compression can limit oil production. Product quality, emissions and integrity constrain throughput. Actual settings and alarm responses must follow approved procedures.

Worked example. A separator receives 100 mass units/hour; 55 leave as oil, 20 as gas and 25 as water, with no accumulation.

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. Reconcile a second balance with a missing stream and discuss measurement uncertainty.

Model answer guide. Total output plus accumulation must equal input; unexplained imbalance requires data checking.

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

Applied activity

Reconcile a second balance with a missing stream and discuss measurement uncertainty.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

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Practice

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Module 4: 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: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

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

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

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Module 5: Emergency preparedness and command

Learning objectives

- Explain emergency preparedness and command, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Emergency preparedness and command
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Emergency planning identifies credible scenarios, warning, command, communications, muster, evacuation, medical support and external interfaces. Responsibilities and fallback communications should be understood before an event. Awareness differs from emergency-team qualification.

Decision logic. Use tabletop exercises with timed injects, observer records and debrief actions. Test loss of communications or unavailable resources. Never simulate an actual distress call or activate real emergency equipment without authorised arrangements.

Worked example. A fictional offshore incident interrupts the primary communication link during a weather restriction.

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. Run a tabletop with incident controller, operations, logistics and communications roles.

Model answer guide. Prioritise people, establish command, verify information, use planned backup channels and document decisions.

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

Applied activity

Run a tabletop with incident controller, operations, logistics and communications roles.

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

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Module 6: Production readiness and marine assurance

Learning objectives

- Explain production readiness and marine assurance, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Production readiness and marine assurance
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Operational readiness brings people, procedures, equipment, spares, assurance and emergency arrangements together before service. Marine assurance addresses vessel capability, condition and interfaces for the intended task. Treat readiness as evidence-based acceptance.

Decision logic. Use independent challenge and clear ownership of exceptions. Operational teams must accept the asset with known limitations and an approved response. A dashboard with all green cells is unreliable if supporting records are missing or outdated.

Worked example. A readiness review shows trained staff but no tested spare-parts supply route for a critical pump.

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 readiness dossier and a conditions-to-close register.

Model answer guide. Include maintenance, spares, competence, emergency drills and marine interfaces with accountable owners.

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

Applied activity

Create a readiness dossier and a conditions-to-close register.

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: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Learning objectives

- Explain professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: applied case, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance: Applied Case
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance: Applied Case describes a practical part of Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: applied case. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: applied case while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

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 decision brief for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: applied case: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

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

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: applied case: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

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: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Learning objectives

- Explain professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: communication and escalation, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance: Communication and Escalation
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance: Communication and Escalation describes a practical part of Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: communication and escalation. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: communication and escalation while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

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 decision brief for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: communication and escalation: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

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

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: communication and escalation: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

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: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Learning objectives

- Explain professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: knowledge check, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance: Knowledge Check
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance: Knowledge Check describes a practical part of Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: knowledge check. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: knowledge check while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

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 decision brief for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: knowledge check: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

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

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: knowledge check: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

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 10: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assuranc

Learning objectives

- Explain professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: competence review, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance: Competence Review
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance: Competence Review describes a practical part of Professional Certificate in FPSO Operations and Marine Assurance. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: competence review. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: competence review while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

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 decision brief for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: competence review: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

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

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for professional certificate in fpso operations and marine assurance: competence review: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

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

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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.