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INTRODUCTION TO DOWNSTREAM BIOPROCESSING

DELIVERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CYTIVA



A UK CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
FOR THE BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY

TRAINING

WELCOME

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Welcome to the National Horizons Centre (NHC). We are Teesside University's centre of excellence for the biosciences and healthcare sector. With research, partnerships and training at our core, we bring together industry, academia, talent and world-class facilities to create real-world impact.

As a National Training Centre for Advanced Therapies, funded from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and Innovate UK (IUK) delivered through the Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult, our courses are industry approved and we have worked closely with key bioindustry leaders across the sector to ensure our courses have been designed to deliver vital skills needed for advanced therapies, vaccines manufacturing and bioprocessing.

The course introduces delegates to chromatography and downstream processes and the principles of purification and membrane separations.

Our unique training facility houses state-of-the-art equipment that provides delegates with the opportunity to gain hands-on practical training in complex bioprocessing procedures, including the Cytiva AKTA platform and UNICORN software.

I look forward to welcoming you to the NHC.

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COURSE OVERVIEW

DAY 1: Introduction to downstream bioprocessing

Lecture one Introduction to chromatography and downstream processes	Lecture two The principles of protein purification, why proteins should be purified and the rationale for testing Host Cell Proteins (HCP)	Lecture three Hardware and software tools for downstream process development > The Cytiva AKTA platform and associated hardware > An emphasis on UNICORN software for the control of AKTA, the generation of methods, the evaluation of results and the administration of both hardware and data > A brief introduction to advanced functions- multistep purification and UNICORN Design of Experiments
Lab one Chromatography > AKTA hardware > The AKTA flowpath > Pumps, valves and monitors > Critical housekeeping > Sample pump and frac pumps	Lab two Column Packing > Resin slurries > Intro to HiScale > Pack a HiScale 16/20	Lab three Imaging > HCP and ELISA techniques

DAY 2: Chromatography- biologics purification and membrane separations

Lecture four Membrane materials, properties and devices Discussion of typical materials used for biopharmaceutical filtration processes, their properties, and the configuration of different filter devices	Lecture five Introduction to normal flow and crossflow filtration Introduction to the scientific principles of normal flow and crossflow filtration used in biopharmaceutical production	Lecture six Operation of a normal flow filtration process Deeper dive into setting up and running a normal flow filtration process
Lab four Chromatography > AKTA Purification > Program an IMAC method > Prepare the system > Purify a His-tagged protein > Analyse the chromatogram	Lab five Imaging Melanie Coverage experience of this tool used in monitoring Host Cell Protein (HCP) impurities in biopharmaceutical products.	Lab six FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies case study
Lab seven Introduction to ÄKTAflux S system; normal flow clarification of bovine serum albumin (BSA) and vitamin B12 from a yeast solution Discussion of semi-automated lab-scale filtration system, which, although designed for crossflow filtration, can also be utilised for normal flow filtration. Experiment to separate BSA from a yeast solution.		

DAY 3: Membrane separations

Lecture seven Operation of a crossflow filtration process Deeper dive into setting up and running a crossflow filtration process. Includes system design, filter choice, and critical operating parameters.	Lecture eight Hollow fibre filter installation and testing the clean water flux of a crossflow filter Instruction on use of a common crossflow filter type used in the biopharmaceutical industry: the hollow fibre. Clean water performance test, also called normalised water permeability, will be performed.
Lab eight Concentration and diafiltration of clarified BSA and vitamin B12 using the ÄKTAflux S system Experiment on a crossflow filtration process which has broad use in the biopharmaceutical industry: concentration and diafiltration of a protein solution. Analysis of results of experiments.	