Advanced Spectroscopy Techniques for Quality Control Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Development	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$4,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Master the principles of Process Analytical Technology integration using NIR and Raman spectroscopy.
2. Execute compliant Method Transfer and robust Spectroscopic Method Validation protocols
3. Apply Multivariate Data Analysis for qualitative identification and quantitative prediction.
4. Implement Real-Time Release Testing strategies to expedite product release and increase supply chain velocity.
5. Utilize Hyperspectral Imaging for non-destructive, spatial mapping of chemical components
6. Analyze complex polymeric materials and biological samples using FT-IR Spectroscopy and ATR accessories.
7. Differentiate Polymorphic Forms and Amorphous Content using advanced Solid-State NMR and XRPD data interpretation.
8. Design automated, high-throughput Content Uniformity and Assay methods for pharmaceutical dosage forms.
9. Troubleshoot common instrumentation errors and optimize spectrometer performance for maximum Signal-to-Noise Ratio.
10. Ensure regulatory compliance for electronic data capture and Data Integrity of spectral libraries.
11. Perform Contaminant Identification and Foreign Particle Analysis using Micro-Raman and EDS techniques.
12. Develop strategies for Sustainable QC by minimizing solvent use through portable and benchtop spectroscopy.
13. Calculate and interpret key chemometric metrics, including Root Mean Square Error of Prediction and Validation Set Correlation (R2).

Target Audience

1. QC/QA Analysts and Managers
2. R&D Scientists and Formulation Specialists
3. Process Development and PAT Engineers
4. Method Development and Validation Scientists
5. Laboratory Supervisors and Directors
6. Regulatory Affairs and Compliance Professionals
7. Chemical and Materials Engineers
8. Advanced Students in Analytical Chemistry

Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamental Principles & Advanced Instrumentation

- Review of UV-Vis, IR, NIR, and Raman theory
- In-depth look at FT-IR/ATR accessories and sample interfaces
- Understanding spectrometer components: sources, detectors, and interferometers.
- Principles of Solid-State NMR for molecular structure and dynamics.
- Case Study: Optimizing an ATR-FTIR setup for rapid surface film analysis of a polymer.

Module 2: Process Analytical Technology (PAT) Fundamentals

- Regulatory drivers for PAT and Quality by Design
- Selecting and deploying in-line, on-line, and at-line spectroscopic probes.
- Integration of spectroscopy with manufacturing systems
- Spectroscopic techniques best suited for PAT.
- Case Study: Implementing an In-line NIR probe to monitor moisture content during tablet drying.

Module 3: Introduction to Chemometric Modelling

- Scatter Correction and Baseline Removal.
- Principal Component Analysis for exploratory data analysis and outlier detection.
- Partial Least Squares regression for quantitative analysis.
- Selecting training sets and cross-validation strategies to prevent model overfitting.
- Case Study: Using PCA to distinguish spectral fingerprints of different raw material suppliers.

Module 4: Quantitative NIR and Raman Method Development

- Design of Experiment for building a robust calibration set.
- Developing PLS models for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient assay and purity.
- RMSEP, SEC, R2, bias, and limit of detection
- Model maintenance, monitoring, and strategies for recalibration
- Case Study: Building a NIR-PLS model for tablet dosage uniformity across various batches.

Module 5: Advanced Qualitative and Classification Methods

- Soft Independent Modeling of Class Analogy for material ID.
- Spectral library creation, maintenance, and compliance for raw material release.
- Developing Pass/Fail threshold methods for material verification.
- Advanced techniques for mixture analysis and deconvolution of overlapping peaks.
- Case Study: Creating a Raman SIMCA model to rapidly verify 10 different excipients in 30 seconds.

Module 6: Hyperspectral Imaging (HSI) for Quality Mapping

- Spatial and Spectral Resolution in Chemical Mapping.
- Applications in blend uniformity analysis and content mapping.
- Detecting and mapping foreign particles, contaminants, and defects on surfaces.
- Pixel-Level Spectroscopy and Multivariate Image Analysis.
- Case Study: Using HSI to visually map and quantify blend segregation in a powder mix on a conveyer belt.

Module 7: Method Validation and Regulatory Compliance

- Specificity, Linearity, Accuracy, Precision, And Range in A Spectroscopic Context.
- Establishing system suitability and method operating parameters
- Risk-based approach to validation for PAT and RTRT applications.
- Documentation and reporting standards for regulatory submission
- Case Study: Documenting the validation of a Raman method for polymorph identification in a drug substance.

Module 8: Data Integrity and 21 CFR Part 11

- Principles of ALCOA+ (Attributable, Legible, Contemporaneous, Original, Accurate, and Complete).
- Implementing audit trails, electronic signatures, and secure spectral data storage.
- Validation of chemometric software and spectral instrument software.
- Strategies for disaster recovery and data backup in a networked environment.
- Case Study: Reviewing an audit trail for a spectral measurement that was edited after initial data acquisition.

Module 9: Advanced Techniques I: Polymorphism and Crystallinity

- Using **Solid-State NMR** for high-resolution analysis of crystalline structures.
- Applying Raman and FT-IR for polymorphic screening and quantification of amorphous content.
- Understanding X-Ray Powder Diffraction principles and data correlation with spectroscopy.
- Temperature and humidity control for in-situ analysis of phase transitions.
- Case Study: Quantifying the percentage of a less stable polymorph using a Raman standard addition method.

Module 10: Advanced Techniques II: Trace Contaminant & Forensic Analysis

- Fundamentals of Micro-Raman and Micro-FT-IR for particle isolation and analysis.
- GC-MS/LC-MS as orthogonal checks for spectroscopic findings.
- Utilizing spectral libraries for unknown contaminant identification
- Techniques for sample preparation of extremely small foreign matter.
- Case Study: Identifying an unknown plastic fragment found in a food product using a Micro-FT-IR spectral database match.

Module 11: Spectroscopy in the Food and Agribusiness Sectors

- NIR and HSI for moisture, protein, and fat content in grains and processed foods.
- Food Authentication and Counterfeit Detection using spectral fingerprints.
- Assessing freshness and quality of fruits and vegetables
- Rapid detection of spoilage, mycotoxins, and adulterants.
- Case Study: Using a portable NIR device to verify olive oil authenticity against common adulterants.

Module 12: Spectroscopy for Materials and Polymer Science

- FT-IR and Raman for polymer identification, monomer ratio, and degree of cure.
- Analyzing composites, coatings, and multilayer packaging materials.
- Thermal Analysis correlation with spectral changes
- Analyzing additives, plasticizers, and stabilizers within a polymer matrix.
- Case Study: Monitoring the curing process of an epoxy resin in real-time using Raman shift tracking.

Module 13: Instrument Calibration, Maintenance, and Troubleshooting

- Routine calibration standards and performance verification testing
- Understanding and minimizing common spectral noise sources
- Advanced troubleshooting for detector saturation, peak shape anomalies, and signal drift.
- Developing preventative maintenance schedules and logbook documentation.
- Case Study: Diagnosing and correcting a high noise level issue in a NIR system due to a faulty detector cooling unit.

Module 14: Method Transfer and Team Deployment

- Developing robust Method Transfer Protocols between different instrument models/sites.
- Statistical equivalence testing for method performance post-transfer.
- Training end-users and non-spectroscopists on routine QC operations.
- Documentation of transfer success and failure for compliance records.
- Case Study: Successfully transferring a FT-IR raw material ID method from a QC lab to a manufacturing warehouse.

Module 15: The Future of Spectroscopy and Emerging Technologies

- Introduction to THz Spectroscopy and its potential for solid-state analysis.
- Integration of spectral data with Machine Learning (ML) and Artificial Intelligence
- The rise of miniaturized, handheld, and drone-mounted spectroscopic devices.
- Future trends: multi-modal spectroscopy
- Case Study: Discussing a research paper on using AI/ML to improve the predictive accuracy of a NIR chemometric model.

Training Methodology

The training employs a Blended Learning Approach emphasizing practical, hands-on application:

- Interactive Lectures.
- Hands-on Instrument Workshops.
- Simulated Lab Exercises
- Problem-Based Learning
- Regulatory Case Studies.

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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
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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