Process Analytical Technology (PAT) Implementation 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

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Course Objectives (With Strong Trending Keywords)

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Master the PAT Framework and its strategic link to Quality by Design (QbD) and ICH guidelines (Q8, Q9, Q10, Q12).
2. Define and establish the critical relationship between Critical Process Parameters (CPPs) and Critical Quality Attributes (CQAs).
3. Design and execute Design of Experiments (DoE) strategies to efficiently map the Design Space and enhance process understanding.
4. Select, deploy, and validate appropriate PAT instruments for various Unit Operations, including blending, granulation, and lyophilization.
5. Utilize Multivariate Data Analysis (MVDA) and chemometrics (PCA/PLS) for robust process data modeling and interpretation.
6. Develop a compliant and robust PAT Control Strategy that incorporates feedback and feedforward control loops.
7. Implement a full PAT Project Life Cycle, from initial conceptualization and risk assessment to final system validation.
8. Ensure Regulatory Compliance for PAT system submissions and continuous process verification (CPV).
9. Translate process understanding into a successful Real-Time Release Testing (RTRT) scheme to optimize product delivery.
10. Integrate modern concepts like Digital Twins and Industrial IoT (IIoT) to enable Pharma 4.0 manufacturing.
11. Apply PAT principles to facilitate the transition from Batch to Continuous Manufacturing.
12. Conduct a Process Risk Assessment (FMEA) to prioritize PAT opportunities and justify the business ROI of PAT adoption.

13. Troubleshoot, monitor, and maintain PAT Calibration Models to ensure data integrity and system reliability throughout the product lifecycle.

Target Audience

1. Process Development Scientists and Engineers
2. Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) Personnel
3. Manufacturing and Production Managers
4. Automation and Control Engineers
5. Regulatory Affairs Specialists
6. Validation and Qualification Engineers
7. R&D and Analytical Chemists
8. Senior Management seeking operational efficiency and ROI from PAT

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundational PAT & Regulatory Framework

- PAT Definition and the 21st Century Quality Initiative (FDA).
- Understanding the shift from end-product testing to Real-Time Monitoring.
- The relationship between PAT, QbD, and ICH Q8, Q9, Q10, Q12.
- Review of PAT regulatory guidance and successful submission strategies.
- Introduction to In-line, On-line, and At-line measurement concepts.
- **Case Study:** PAT's role in the successful regulatory filing for Continuous API Crystallization.

Module 2: Process Understanding and Control Strategy

- Identifying Critical Quality Attributes (CQAs) and Critical Process Parameters (CPPs).
- Techniques for linking material attributes to final product quality.
- Advanced Process Risk Assessment methodologies (e.g., FMEA).
- Developing a comprehensive Control Strategy for PAT-enabled processes.
- Defining and mapping the acceptable Design Space.
- **Case Study:** Using PAT to define the **Design Space** for a high-shear wet Granulation process.

Module 3: Design of Experiments (DoE) for PAT

- Fundamentals of statistical Design of Experiments (DoE).
- Implementing DoE to rapidly gather maximum process information.
- Optimizing experimental designs for multivariate data collection.
- Interpreting DoE results to establish robust process boundaries.
- Connecting DoE outcomes directly to your PAT Control Strategy.
- **Case Study:** DoE Optimization of a Tablet Coating process using an NIR probe to find the end-point.

Module 4: Introduction to Process Analytical Tools

- Overview of the major Spectroscopic Techniques (NIR, Raman, Mid-IR).
- Non-spectroscopic PAT tools: particle sizing, calorimetry, and acoustic emission.
- Understanding probe placement and representative sampling (Theory of Sampling).
- Selection criteria for choosing the right PAT tool for a Unit Operation.
- Principles of in-situ analytics and non-destructive measurement.
- **Case Study:** Selection and validation of Raman Spectroscopy for API Polymorph Monitoring during crystallization.

Module 5: NIR and Raman Spectroscopy in Detail

- Physical principles of Near-Infrared (NIR) and Raman signal generation.
- Instrument components, calibration, and maintenance procedures.
- Practical application of both techniques for solid dosage and liquid analysis.
- Strategies for overcoming spectral interferences and noise.
- Advanced use in Blend Uniformity and Content Uniformity monitoring.
- **Case Study:** NIR Monitoring of Blend Uniformity in a V-Blender to replace traditional thief sampling.

Module 6: Fundamentals of Chemometrics (MVDA I)

- Introduction to Multivariate Data Analysis (MVDA) and Big Data in PAT.
- Essential Data Preprocessing techniques (e.g., Savitzky-Golay, smoothing).
- Data structure and principles of data matrix organization.
- Introduction to unsupervised learning: Principal Component Analysis (PCA).
- Interpreting PCA plots for batch monitoring and process fault detection.
- **Case Study:** Using PCA to identify and troubleshoot an unexpected Lyophilization Cycle deviation.

Module 7: Predictive Modeling (MVDA II)

- Principles of supervised learning: Partial Least Squares (PLS) regression.
- Developing robust PAT Calibration Models for CQA prediction (e.g., potency, moisture).
- Techniques for internal and external model validation and performance metrics.
- Identifying and managing model over-fitting and extrapolation.
- Strategies for continuous model improvement and maintenance.
- **Case Study:** Development of a PLS Model to predict Tablet Hardness and Dissolution from an in-line NIR spectrum.

Module 8: PAT System Integration and Automation

- Integrating PAT instruments with DCS (Distributed Control Systems) and SCADA.
- Implementing Closed-Loop Control and process feedback systems.
- Data management, historian design, and ensuring data integrity (GxP compliance).
- Architecture of a modern PAT Data Infrastructure (LIMS, MES).
- Role of PAT in achieving process automation and reducing human error.
- **Case Study:** Integrating an On-line HPLC system with the DCS for Continuous Impurity Monitoring and automatic rejection.

Module 9: Real-Time Release Testing (RTRT)

- Regulatory definition and business drivers for Real-Time Release Testing (RTRT).
- Developing a comprehensive RTRT control strategy and sampling plan.
- Demonstrating the equivalence of PAT-based testing to traditional QC methods.
- The role of process control in supporting the RTRT decision-making process.
- Regulatory expectations and documentation requirements for RTRT implementation.
- **Case Study:** Implementing RTRT for a Final Product Release based on a validated NIR content uniformity model.

Module 10: PAT in Continuous Manufacturing

- Differences between batch and Continuous Manufacturing (CM) control strategies.
- PAT's role as the fundamental enabler for robust CM processes.

- Monitoring and controlling steady-state conditions in continuous processes.
- Strategies for material diversion, start-up, shut-down, and changeover management.
- Process control techniques unique to CM (e.g., residence time distribution).
- **Case Study:** Monitoring and control of a Continuous Direct Compression (CDC) tablet press.

Module 11: PAT in Bioprocessing and Biologics

- Specific challenges and opportunities for PAT in upstream and downstream bioprocessing.
- Monitoring Critical Quality Attributes (CQAs) in Bioreactor (e.g., cell density, metabolites).
- Analytical techniques unique to biopharma (e.g., in-line spectroscopy, biosensors).
- Application of PAT in Chromatography and Ultrafiltration/Diafiltration (UF/DF) steps.
- Leveraging PAT data for feed-forward control in cell culture.
- **Case Study:** Real-time Bioreactor Monitoring using Raman spectroscopy for glucose and product concentration.

Module 12: PAT System Validation and Lifecycle Management

- The principles of PAT System Validation (IQ/OQ/PQ) in a regulated environment.
- Developing a robust plan for Model Maintenance and re-validation.
- Strategies for Calibration Transfer between instruments and sites.
- The importance of system governance and change control throughout the lifecycle.
- Maintaining Data Integrity and compliance for PAT data.
- **Case Study:** A protocol for Calibration Transfer and validation across multiple production line NIR spectrometers.

Module 13: Pharma 4.0 and Digital Twins

- Introduction to Industry 4.0 and its impact on manufacturing.
- Concept and application of Digital Twins for process simulation and prediction.
- Harnessing Big Data and cloud-based platforms for PAT data analysis.
- Integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning into PAT models.
- Cybersecurity and data management in connected PAT environments.
- **Case Study:** Implementing a Digital Twin to simulate and optimize a fluid-bed dryer process endpoint.

Module 14: PAT for Raw Material and In-Process Control

- Raw Material Identification (RMID) using portable spectroscopic tools (Handheld Raman/NIR).
- PAT applications for incoming material verification and dispensing.
- Moisture content monitoring and endpoint detection in drying and mixing.
- Granule-size distribution and flowability measurement.
- Ensuring quality of in-process intermediates before downstream steps.
- **Case Study:** Using Handheld Raman for Raw Material Identification through transparent packaging in the warehouse.

Module 15: Economic Value and Project Management

- Calculating the Return on Investment (ROI) for a PAT project.
- Reducing cycle time, decreasing batch failures, and maximizing yield.
- Managing the PAT Project Life Cycle from pilot to commercial scale-up.
- Building a multidisciplinary PAT Implementation Team (Chemists, Engineers, IT).
- Overcoming organizational and cultural barriers to PAT adoption.

- **Case Study:** Analyzing the Economic Benefits of a PAT-enabled blending process leading to a $500k annual saving in QA testing costs.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Lectures:** Expert-led sessions covering core theory and regulatory compliance.
- **Hands-on Software Workshops:** Practical application of **Chemometrics/MVDA** software using real-world spectroscopic datasets.
- **Scenario-Based Simulations:** Group exercises focused on PAT system design, risk assessment, and troubleshooting.
- **In-Depth Case Studies:** Analysis of successful industry implementations to bridge theory and practice (see modules below).
- **Technical Demonstrations:** Visual and virtual walkthroughs of **NIR/Raman** instrument operation and process integration.

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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.

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Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000

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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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