



COURSE SCHEDULE

Course Overview

This course provides an opportunity to explore a wide range of elements in the lyophilization process. From characterization of products to cycle development and scale up, we cover the science and engineering of lyophilization. Hosted at the top University of Massachusetts (UMass) Lowell, our training includes multiple sessions discussing theoretical aspects of freeze drying as well as the practical workshops during which participants will use this knowledge to answer real-life freeze drying questions.

+ Day One

- **Welcome & Course Introduction**
- **Introduction to Lyophilization** - process, features and equipment
- **Break**
- **Product Freezing** - conditions to influence ice crystals and solutes, Controlled Nucleation
- **Refrigeration and Thermal Transfer Systems** - design elements of refrigeration systems in lyophilizers
- **Lunch**
- **Primary and Secondary Drying** - principles and practical aspects of primary drying (sublimation) and secondary drying (desorption)
- **Stoppering Systems** - functional requirements of shelf stoppering systems, alternative designs
- **Break**
- **Formulation for Lyophilization** - formulation design issues and strategies for lyophilized products
- **Process Condensers (Vapour Trap)** - protecting the product and the vacuum system from damage

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- **Formulation Characterization** - methods applied to formulations prior to lyophilization
- **Vacuum Systems** - pumps used to achieve the desired pressure, types of pressure gauge employed, methods for leak detection
- **Break**
- **Cycle Development & Scale-Up** - conditions for loading lyophilizer, freezing and drying
- **Lunch**
- **Process Monitoring** - temperature measurement and process analytical technology (PAT)
- **Alternative Approaches to Cycle Development** - the use of software-based cycle development programs, application of a Quality by Design (QbD)
- **Break**
- **Workshop Session** - evaluating lyophile appearance

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- **Containers, Closure and Barrier Technologies** - container designs and materials, types of closure and containment options
- **Product Analysis (Part 1)** - moisture content and long term stability, methods of moisture thermal analysis
- **Break**
- **Cleaning and sterilization of Freeze-Dryers** - manual cleaning and automated 'clean-in-place' (CIP) and 'steam-in-place' (SIP) systems
- **Product Analysis (Part 2)** - the appearance, structure and mechanical properties of lyophilized products, modern techniques such as DVS
- **Lunch**
- **Maintenance and Troubleshooting** - pros and cons of maintenance strategies, common problems
- **Product Analysis (Part 3)** - modern techniques such as DVS employed to quantify specific aspects of the lyophilized products
- **Workshop Session** - multidisciplinary problem-solving group exercise, designing your own lyophilizer



WHO IS THIS COURSE RIGHT FOR?

INDUSTRIES:

- 1) Biotechnology
- 2) Pharmaceuticals
- 3) Biopharmaceuticals
- 4) Diagnostics e.g. medical

JOBS:

- 1) Formulation Scientists
- 2) Engineers/ Technical Support
- 3) Quality Assurance
- 4) Production operatives

MEET THE EXPERTS



+ **Dr. Kevin Ward**

Kevin has been in the field of lyophilization since 1993 and was awarded his PhD for studies in pharmaceutical freeze drying, focusing on protective agents in formulations of proteins and liposomes for drug and vaccine delivery. Kevin is R&D Director at Biopharma, where he has worked since 2000 and regularly lectures on the freeze drying process.



+ **Andrew Ray**

Andrew has worked for Biopharma Group since 2017 in the Engineering Department. For the first 3 years the focus of his work has been on the service and repair of the SP Scientific range of freeze driers. More recently he has developed his roll into equipment installation & validation and analytical instruments, becoming the Engineering Trainer.

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A list of local hotels will be provided with the registration confirmation.

*training course fees include morning and afternoon breaks, lunch and full lecture notes

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