

**Advanced Course in Sterilization Technology
and
Qualifying Course for Authorising Engineer (Decontamination) Registration
Year 2009**

Course Dates

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| Week One | 19 th January | to | 23 rd January | 2009 |
| Week Two | 16 th February | to | 20 th February | 2009 |
| Week Three | 23 rd March | to | 27 th March | 2009 |
| Revision Seminar / Examinations | 27 th April | to | 29 th April | 2009 |

Location

The Node Conference Centre, Hitchin Road,
Codicote, Herts. SG4 8TL

The residential conference centre is located on the outskirts of the village of Codicote, near Hitchin in Hertfordshire, conveniently located for the M1 (Junction 10) and A1(M). The nearest airports are Luton (15 miles) and Stansted (40 miles). The centre is a 10 minute taxi ride from Stevenage train station, which has direct rail links to London Kings Cross (20 minutes) and Cambridge. From Luton Station the journey takes around 25 minutes by road.

Course Summary

Training will be a combination of classroom and project work; each classroom week is separated by at least three weeks to minimise disruption to employers and attendees and also to provide time for private study and project work. Training will be undertaken by recognised experts in the field, chosen for their ability to teach and train. They represent a cross-section of the industry drawn from AP(S)/AE(D) and specialist consultants. Trainees will be assessed by their course work and by examination. There will be an examination held on each of the final two days of the course.

Healthcare Science Ltd, on behalf of IHEEM (Institute of Healthcare Engineering and Estate Management) are the sole providers of the qualifying course for Authorising Engineer (Decontamination [AE(D)]) as defined in HTM 2010.

Note: The AP(S) register was reformed as the AE(D) register on the 1st July 2008, to reflect the broadened scope of the role, as stated in HTM 01-01 Part A. More information can be found on the IHEEM website, www.iheem.org.uk

Timetable

The course syllabus and provisional timetable will be supplied to registered applicants. The subjects covered include: legal requirements, regulations and standards (national, EN and ISO), environmental control, microbiology, auditing, cleaning and disinfection, as well as in-depth studies of different sterilization processes.

Professional Responsibility/Qualification

Successful completion of this course and the examination provides prospective AE(D) with only one of the three requirements defined in HTM 2010 part 1 for Registration. The applicant must also be able to demonstrate the following:-

- a) relevant practical experience – “a minimum of two years recent experience in the validation of sterilization processes to modern standards”;
- b) a defined level of professional responsibility or qualification – “a degree in a relevant science subject or corporate membership of a relevant professional institution”.

The wording of the above reflects the intention to enable applicants from a variety of industry wide sterilization related disciplines to obtain registration as an AE(D). Further information and advice notes are provided with the course information package. Formal registration after application to IHEEM is confirmed by interview on attainment of the three requirements.

Who Should Apply?

The course is suitable for those whose background includes engineering or microbiology or quality assurance or sterile services. Applications are invited from these personnel within the healthcare sector and private industry, as well as all other individuals that have an interest in sterilization technology.

Course fees* : £6,980.00 plus VAT @ 17.5%

***(includes full residential package, course material and examination fees)**

The Node Conference Centre is set in a quiet rural location and provides study bedroom accommodation, all with en-suite facilities, television and telephone. Wireless internet access is available and there is also a small business centre with computer and printing access for own use.

The fees include accommodation for 5 nights in weeks one, two and three (arriving Sunday evening, departing Friday early evening) inclusive of bed, breakfast, lunch, dinner (except Sunday and Friday night). The fees also include two nights' accommodation for the revision seminar and examinations (arriving Monday afternoon and departing Wednesday afternoon) inclusive of bed, breakfast, lunch and dinner (from Monday dinner to Wednesday lunch). Refreshments including coffee and tea are provided each morning and afternoon.

Further details are available from Caroline Paver
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For an application form, go to www.healthcarescience.co.uk

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