

Training Course on Process Control Valves and Actuators

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Development	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of process control valves and actuators.
2. Identify different types of control valves (globe, butterfly, ball, plug).
3. Differentiate between pneumatic, hydraulic, and electric actuators.
4. Analyze flow characteristics and valve sizing techniques.
5. Explore the role of smart positioners and digital controllers.
6. Apply predictive maintenance strategies for valve health monitoring.
7. Configure and calibrate actuator systems using HART protocol.
8. Perform fault diagnostics in automated valve systems.
9. Comprehend safety standards such as SIL (Safety Integrity Level).
10. Integrate valves and actuators in SCADA and DCS environments.
11. Understand valve data sheets, specifications, and selection criteria.
12. Analyze control loop performance and valve hysteresis.
13. Implement energy-efficient practices in valve operations.

Target Audience

1. Automation Engineers
2. Instrumentation Technicians
3. Process Engineers
4. Maintenance Supervisors
5. Mechanical Engineers
6. Industrial Electricians
7. SCADA & DCS Operators
8. Reliability Engineers

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Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of Process Control Valves

- Introduction to process control and valve functionality
- Types of valves: globe, ball, butterfly, gate

- Valve materials and construction
- Flow characteristics and Cv value
- Valve selection and applications

Module 2: Actuator Technologies

- Pneumatic actuators: spring-return, double-acting
- Electric actuators: AC/DC motors, servo systems
- Hydraulic actuators: power packs and cylinders
- Fail-safe mechanisms
- Control signal types and conversion

Module 3: Valve Sizing and Flow Control

- Flow equations and valve sizing techniques
- Pressure drop calculations
- Cv and Kv factors explained
- Choked flow and cavitation control
- Sizing software and selection tools

Module 4: Smart Valve Positioners and Digital Controllers

- Introduction to smart valve positioners
- HART, FOUNDATION Fieldbus, Profibus
- Valve feedback systems
- Controller integration in DCS
- Positioner calibration procedures

Module 5: Installation, Calibration, and Commissioning

- Installation best practices
- Calibration procedures for valve and actuator
- Commissioning checklists
- Tight shutoff testing
- Loop checking and verification

Module 6: Troubleshooting and Diagnostics

- Common valve and actuator faults
- Signal loss and air supply issues
- Diagnostic tools and software
- Interpreting valve signatures
- Corrective action plans

Module 7: Predictive Maintenance and Reliability

- Condition monitoring techniques
- Vibration and temperature analysis
- Valve signature analysis

- Preventive vs predictive strategies
- CMMS for valve health tracking

Module 8: Safety, Standards, and Future Technologies

- Safety Integrity Level (SIL) compliance
- Functional safety lifecycle
- IoT integration in control valves
- Cybersecurity in valve networks
- Future trends: AI and machine learning in process control

Training Methodology

- Hands-on training
- Real-world case studies
- Interactive simulations
- Quizzes for knowledge reinforcement.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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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
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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