





## Introduction

This programme is designed to provide students with a knowledge and understanding of aspects of chemical and pharmaceutical process technology so that they can apply the skills developed in the course and operate effectively in the areas of chemical development, process development and design, scale-up, technology transfer to production and process operation. It is intended for graduates in scientific or engineering disciplines who work or intend to work in the chemical and pharmaceutical sector.

## Content

The course is delivered through lectures, practical work, case studies and tutorials. The programme consists of seven modules. Modules 1 - 4 incorporate a laboratory or practical element. Each module incorporates a number of related topics.

## Modules

### Module 1

Chemical and pharmaceutical processes  
Mass and energy balances in chemical processes  
Mass transfer applications  
Heat transfer and heat exchangers

### Module 2

Distillation processes  
Liquid/liquid extraction processes  
Adsorption processes  
Absorption processes  
Reactor operation and design

### Module 3

Fluids  
Drying  
Filtration  
Crystallisation  
Particulate solids technology  
Membrane separation processes  
Large scale chromatography

### Module 4

Process control systems  
Process utilities  
Materials handling  
Process Safety

### Module 5

Process development and design  
Environmental management  
Waste management  
Environmental legislation

### Module 6

Process validation  
Pharmaceutical quality assurance  
Pharmaceutical regulatory aspects  
Project management  
Process economics

### Module 7

Project

## Duration

One year full-time or two years part-time. The part-time programme will operate on a 2 year cycle.

## General course structure and organisation.

The lecture programme is divided into six modules. Full-time students will undertake the six modules over two academic terms. Part-time students will undertake the six modules over four academic terms. Full-time students will have on average approximately 12 contact hours per week comprising of lectures, practical sessions and tutorials. Part-time students will have on average approximately 6 contact hours per week (two evenings) over the duration of the course. Students who successfully complete the course assessments without completing the dissertation, will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical and Chemical Process Technology. Students will be awarded an MSc in Pharmaceutical and Chemical Process Technology on successful completion of an industry based/work based project and dissertation. Part-time students will normally be expected to carry out the project at their place of employment. Full-time students must complete an industry sourced project over the summer term.

## Mode of assessment

The modes of assessment are written assignments, practical work and written project dissertation.

## Entry requirements

BSc (Hons) in a scientific or engineering discipline or equivalent qualification. Applicants for the part-time programme should be employed in a relevant industrial sector. Selection of candidates may be by interview.

## Award

On successful completion the following awards may be made. Postgraduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical and Chemical Process Technology (DIT). MSc in Pharmaceutical and Chemical Process Technology (DIT).

## Location

School of Chemistry and School of Control Systems and Electrical Engineering, DIT, Kevin Street, Dublin 8

## Career opportunities

Graduates of the programme will have the necessary knowledge and skills to operate effectively in process operation and process development in the chemical and pharmaceutical sector and related industrial sectors.

## Programme commencement

Offers of places on the part-time programme will be made in late November/December with commencement in January. Applications should be made in October/November.

## Fees

For details contact Secretary, School of Chemistry, DIT, Kevin Street, Dublin 8