Developing expertise to efficiently meet key industry challenges

With a portfolio of more than 420 expert-led practical courses, training programs, and competency services, NExT has helped more than 13,000 E&P professionals in more than 50 countries develop the petrotechnical expertise needed to meet today’s increasingly complex industry challenges.

By combining expert-led courses, in-class projects customized for your asset challenges, field and lab courses that provide hands-on learning experiences, industry-leading software tools, and one-on-one mentoring, NExT training helps teams and individuals align their abilities to strategic objectives.

For a comprehensive portfolio of courses covering a broad spectrum of disciplines, visit

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While the demand for oil and gas increases relentlessly, it is proving harder to find not only hydrocarbon reserves but also the personnel with the skills it takes to exploit those reserves. This is where we come in.

NExT is dedicated to the professional development of the E&P industry’s petrotechnical professionals. Our goal is to provide the best tools to help you meet your training objectives in a sustainable way. Our years of experience in the oil and gas business, backed by first-class training knowledge gained through university partnerships, enable us to develop, customize, and continually update advanced E&P training and competency development plans to meet your business goals, despite the complexities of industry challenges.

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Our curriculum includes introductory to advanced training in industry-spanning disciplines, including geology, geophysics, petrophysics, drilling, reservoir engineering, production, facilities, management, and economics. We also offer training in industry-standard Schlumberger software, including:

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Our partnerships with Texas A&M, University of Oklahoma, and Heriot-Watt University ensure that NExT training reflects the latest in academic and industry knowledge.

With more than 13 years' experience delivering training to E&P companies in more than 50 countries, NExT understands your training challenges and delivers solutions that match specific customer needs.

About NExT

The NExT Edge

- Full suite of training courses in upstream disciplines as well as surface, facility, and midstream instruction
- Training on industry-leading software tools and software certification
- Partnership with advanced industry and academic institutions to continuously deliver up-to-date and evergreen instruction
- A teaching faculty of more than 1,500 independent instructors, all experts in their fields, with a wide variety of technical and regional experience
- Access to a global network of Schlumberger training centers, where Schlumberger trains its customers as well as its own staff

Technical Challenges

Increase the ability to discover and access the reserves previously thought to be unrecoverable.

NExT offers a wide range of training and multidisciplinary competency assessments related to technical challenges that helps operators meet the challenges facing oil and gas exploration and production.

Global energy demand is increasing while assets around the world are maturing and declining, challenging the industry as never before. Advances in technology are enabling the discovery and access of hydrocarbon reserves that were once thought to be inaccessible. Technology is also allowing mature fields to be a significant source of production for many more years than initially planned.

As the industry focuses on hard-to-extract oil and gas resources, professionals at all levels need to acquire fresh skill sets and must better understand new technologies and their applications.

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NExT Technical Challenges Curricula

- Deepwater Operations
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NExT has a wide range of technical and software courses, including field trips that are designed to help you develop your exploration, drilling, and production skills in deep water.

Some of the courses offered by NExT under this discipline include:
- Deepwater Seismic Interpretation
- Deepwater Drilling Design and Operations
- Economics of Deepwater Projects
- Deepwater Well Project and Risk Management
- Deepwater Petroleum Systems.

NExT also offers software courses for the deep water discipline that use Petrel platform, ECLIPSE simulator, OLGA simulator, Drillbench® dynamic drilling simulation software, and PIPESIM® steady-state multiphase flow simulator.

Field Trips
- County Clare, Ireland: Delta Slope Turbidite Deposition and Synsedimentary Deformation
- Tabernas & Sorbas Basins, Spain: Depositional Environments from Slope Aprons to Tropical Reefs
- Karoo, South Africa: Permian Basin Floor Fan Systems

Deepwater Operations
 Improve production in an environment that pushes every boundary.

Flow Assurance
 Ensure the successful and economical flow of hydrocarbons.

As time goes by, even long-producing fields develop flow assurance problems. Additionally, ever-deeper fields create new challenges that extend the envelope within which our industry can safely and economically produce. Optimal flow assurance design and operation requires evaluating all disciplines interfacing flow assurance as well as carefully considering the interactions between fluid, reservoir, wells, pipelines, surface facilities, and the surrounding environment.

NExT courses for flow assurance teach participants how to successfully manage and ensure flow. Some of our technical and software courses for flow assurance include:
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- Assuring Flow from Pore to Process
- Full Life Cycle Fluid Evaluation
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Unconventional Resources

Increase efficiency and reduce risk in basins around the world.

Better reservoir knowledge and increasingly sophisticated technologies make producing unconventional resources more economically viable and efficient. This efficiency is bringing shale reservoirs, tight gas and oil, and coalbed methane into the reach of more companies around the world.

NExT has a global network of petrotechnical experts who have the technical knowledge and experience to help you learn about and meet the challenges of unconventional plays and to maximize success. Some of the courses offered by NExT under this discipline cover:

- shale gas and liquids
- tight gas and oil
- coalbed methane (CBM)
- gas hydrates
- unconventional resource basins and plays.

NExT also offers software courses under this discipline using Petrel platform, PetroMod software, OFM software, and ECLIPSE simulator.

Multidomain shale training program

The modular NExT multidomain shale training program is the fastest, most effective way of equipping your team with the knowledge necessary to efficiently and properly identify and develop unconventional plays. Participants learn about these complex reserves from industry experts with decades of experience as well as by modeling actual shale prospects, visiting core laboratories, taking field trips, and ultimately presenting a pilot project that studies develop in class.

Field Trip

East Kentucky: Characterization and Petrel 3D Modeling of FluvioDeltaic Sedimentary Architecture, Upper Carboniferous

The program is divided into two modules: Geoscience and Engineering. Both include common workflows, simulations using field data, and courses that enhance the competencies and skills needed to work effectively in multidisciplinary shale teams.

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Operators involved in heavy oil recovery face special production challenges. NExT courses cover
- heavy oil exploitation
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- heavy oil transportation and processing.

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NExT EOR training is fast tracked for experienced reservoir and simulation engineers who have limited expertise on EOR processes, such as mechanisms, experimental analysis, and field implementation. This training focuses on miscible, immiscible, chemical, and thermal process for clastics and nonfractured carbonates and can include applications of the Petrel platform and ECLIPSE simulator.
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Exploration
Reduce uncertainty with greater comprehension of petroleum systems.

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Carbonate and Fractured Reservoirs
Unravel the complexities of carbonate reservoirs.

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NExT offers a wide range of training courses, including geology field trips, that cover this complex discipline to ensure that attendees develop the necessary skills required to address carbonate challenges. We combine an essential mix of learning experiences to maximize the return on your training investment in courses that include:
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Finding and producing new hydrocarbon reserves involves contending with increasingly harsh downhole conditions. Attractive new prospects like deepwater high-pressure wells in the Gulf of Mexico, the commercial viability of previously uneconomic gas plays, and the increasing use of thermal recovery techniques has dramatically increased the requirement for HPHT expertise.

NExT courses cover the theories, technicalities, and practicalities of HPHT wells complete with impending risks and challenges. The courses are equipped with case studies on successful HPHT well projects and the lessons learned from past projects. Special emphasis is placed on geopressure detection analysis, practical exercises and assessments, and interactive discussion to meet the specific needs of every participant. This focus does more than merely impart technical knowledge; it works on improving both communication and personal focus.

By the end of the HPHT training, attendees will have obtained an improved understanding of the challenges that will be faced and the mitigations required to minimize the probability of failure. Team-building, safety, leadership, and communication skills are just some of the key elements addressed in the course.

High Pressure, High Temperature
Overcome the challenges and risks of operating in extreme conditions.

Geomechanics
Mitigate risk and maximize production—from well to reservoir to basin.

Without a strategy for avoiding or minimizing potential geomechanical problems, your project may cost many millions more than budgeted. Today, most operators consider geomechanics analysis and planning a necessary strategic component of exploration and field development activities. Identifying, planning for, and managing potential issues saves time and improves safety at the wellsite.

NExT courses under geomechanics are designed to align and accelerate the skills development of your engineering and geomechanics teams. Our technical and software courses for geomechanics include:

- Pore Pressure Prediction Methods
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