Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness

GExperts Learning Academy | SC-X06 | SC | 1-3 days

Course overview

1-3 days SC programme focused on Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness, using energy-sector cases and applied decisions.

Designed for: New entrants and cross-sector professionals

Learning outcomes

- Explain core principles and terminology for Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness.
- Interpret an applied case using evidence and stated assumptions.
- Identify risks, safeguards, role boundaries and escalation points.
- Prepare a clear recommendation for a multidisciplinary audience.

Course guide

Work through each module objective, lesson and teaching note, complete the applied activity and assessment, then use the separate Academy practice page for practice questions and answer feedback.

Separate practice questions:
https://www.globalexpertsconsultoria.com/training/academy/courses/questions/?course=SC-X06

Academic and certification status

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Module 1: Well control and barrier management

Learning objectives

- Explain well control and barrier management, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Well control and barrier management
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. A barrier system prevents unintended fluid flow. Show primary and secondary barrier envelopes and the need for defined performance standards. Recognising indications, reporting promptly and following the authorised well-control programme are distinct from being certified to operate equipment.

Decision logic. Teach barrier status with evidence, not equipment names alone. An installed component may be unavailable, untested or outside its operating envelope. Barrier changes require controlled review. No live well-control drill or shut-in sequence is prescribed by this awareness content.

Worked example. A component appears on the drawing, but its required test record is missing. Treat its verified availability as unresolved.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Construct a barrier-status register from a fictional well diagram.

Model answer guide. Record function, verification, owner, limitation and escalation; do not mark an unverified barrier healthy.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Construct a barrier-status register from a fictional well diagram.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 2: Well architecture and drilling systems

Learning objectives

- Explain well architecture and drilling systems, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Well architecture and drilling systems
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. A well connects the reservoir to the surface through a designed sequence of hole sections, casing and barriers. Explain measured depth versus true vertical depth, wellhead functions and interfaces with rig, marine riser and subsea equipment.

Decision logic. Well design starts with reservoir objectives, pressures, temperature, hazards and data uncertainty. Casing depth and equipment ratings require engineering calculations and independent review. This course uses diagrams and educational calculations, never an executable drilling programme.

Worked example. A deviated well has greater measured depth than vertical depth; fluid hydrostatic head relates to vertical depth.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Label a fictional well schematic and list five missing design inputs.

Model answer guide. Include pore pressure, fracture limits, temperature, geology and service conditions; distinguish equipment identification from design approval.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Label a fictional well schematic and list five missing design inputs.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 3: Casing and cementing

Learning objectives

- Explain casing and cementing, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Casing and cementing
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Casing supports the borehole and isolates formations; cement contributes to zonal isolation and structural support. Explain shoe, annulus, centralisation and displacement using a cutaway diagram. Distinguish design intent from evidence that a barrier has actually been established.

Decision logic. Assess cement placement uncertainty, contamination, losses and verification data together. Pressure tests and logs answer different questions and must be interpreted within an approved programme. Do not provide generic acceptance pressures or operational instructions that override site procedures.

Worked example. A calculated cement volume matches the plan, but returns indicate possible losses. Volume pumped alone cannot confirm isolation.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Review a fictional cementing quality dossier and identify acceptance evidence gaps.

Model answer guide. Require reconciled volumes, operational observations and appropriate verification reviewed by authorised engineers.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Review a fictional cementing quality dossier and identify acceptance evidence gaps.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 4: Well testing and pressure interpretation

Learning objectives

- Explain well testing and pressure interpretation, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Well testing and pressure interpretation
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. A well test records flow and pressure response to infer reservoir and well behaviour. Explain drawdown, buildup, skin and boundary effects conceptually. Measurement resolution, rate history and test duration constrain interpretation.

Decision logic. Different models can fit limited data. Use derivative behaviour and independent geology to test models rather than declaring a unique answer. Short tests may not observe distant boundaries. Operational testing requires an approved programme and safety controls.

Worked example. A short buildup appears stable but has not investigated the reservoir boundary; connectivity remains uncertain.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Review a fictional test summary and list claims supported and unsupported by it.

Model answer guide. Separate local mobility evidence from field-wide connectivity and long-term deliverability claims.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Review a fictional test summary and list claims supported and unsupported by it.

Assessment

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Practice

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Module 5: Incident investigation and learning

Learning objectives

- Explain incident investigation and learning, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Incident investigation and learning
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. An investigation establishes what happened, why controls failed and how recurrence can be prevented. Preserve evidence, protect people and separate verified facts from assumptions. Near misses can reveal major weaknesses without actual harm.

Decision logic. Use a timeline and causal analysis to explore technical, human and organisational contributors. Avoid premature blame and unsupported conclusions. Actions should address causes, have accountable owners and be checked for effectiveness. Reporting follows applicable site and legal requirements.

Worked example. A dropped tool caused no injury, but exclusion-zone and securing controls were ineffective.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Analyse a fictional near miss and propose three causal actions.

Model answer guide. Include physical prevention, work-system improvements and verification, rather than retraining alone.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Analyse a fictional near miss and propose three causal actions.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 6: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Data and Performance

Learning objectives

- Explain well integrity and barrier awareness: data and performance, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Data and Performance
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Data and Performance describes a practical part of Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for well integrity and barrier awareness: data and performance. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans well integrity and barrier awareness: data and performance while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for well integrity and barrier awareness: data and performance: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for well integrity and barrier awareness: data and performance: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 7: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Applied Case

Learning objectives

- Explain well integrity and barrier awareness: applied case, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Applied Case
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Applied Case describes a practical part of Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for well integrity and barrier awareness: applied case. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans well integrity and barrier awareness: applied case while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for well integrity and barrier awareness: applied case: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for well integrity and barrier awareness: applied case: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 8: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Communication and Escalati

Learning objectives

- Explain well integrity and barrier awareness: communication and escalation, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Communication and Escalation
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Communication and Escalation describes a practical part of Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for well integrity and barrier awareness: communication and escalation. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans well integrity and barrier awareness: communication and escalation while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for well integrity and barrier awareness: communication and escalation: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for well integrity and barrier awareness: communication and escalation: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 9: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Knowledge Check

Learning objectives

- Explain well integrity and barrier awareness: knowledge check, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Knowledge Check
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Knowledge Check describes a practical part of Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for well integrity and barrier awareness: knowledge check. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans well integrity and barrier awareness: knowledge check while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for well integrity and barrier awareness: knowledge check: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for well integrity and barrier awareness: knowledge check: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 10: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Competence Review

Learning objectives

- Explain well integrity and barrier awareness: competence review, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Competence Review
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness: Competence Review describes a practical part of Well Integrity and Barrier Awareness. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for well integrity and barrier awareness: competence review. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans well integrity and barrier awareness: competence review while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for well integrity and barrier awareness: competence review: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for well integrity and barrier awareness: competence review: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Facilitator close-out and resources

Facilitator close-out

Record attendance, assessment evidence, learner support needs, incidents and improvement actions according to approved provider processes. Do not sign learners off for regulated or safety-critical work without the authorised assessment and certification route.

Resources and references

- Supplied GExperts/IUM reference materials; verify reuse rights and currentness.
- Current applicable Namibian legislation, standards and approved site procedures supplied by the provider.
- Case worksheet and instructor slides must be produced and reviewed before course release.