Abertay University

The Aberdeen Drilling School & Well Control Training Centre

CASE STUDY

As one of several industry-related components of the MSc Oil & Gas Accounting & Management degree, our students undertake a 1-day course; 'Practical Introduction to Drilling Technology' run by the Aberdeen Drilling School. This is a state-of-the-art facility, manned by drilling experts, to which the major drilling companies send their staff for training on sophisticated computerised drilling simulators. This course provides an opportunity to experience the reality of oil extraction in a series of environments and situations and the expertise of the drilling school staff adds to the overall educational experience that our students enjoy. Upon successful completion of the course the students receive a certificate which signifies their achievement.

EMPLOYER EXPERIENCE

Mark Gillard Technical Manager, Aberdeen Drilling School

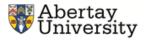
It was a pleasure to welcome the Abertay Oil & Gas MSc students to our Practical Introduction to Drilling Technology course. Our experts use simulators to recreate any number of pressurised situations with which students have to learn to deal and it's always rewarding for the staff at the school to see students meet and overcome problems similar to those that they might have to face themselves in their professional lives.



PROGRAMME LEADER

Dr Greg Bremner MSc Oil & Gas Accounting & Management Abertay University

From the point of view of affording students an opportunity to experience real life industry techniques and problems, this course available at the Aberdeen Drilling School is the ideal environment in which to begin to understand the complexity of life at the front-line oil extraction.



STUDENT FEEDBACK

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My visit to the Aberdeen Drilling School was enlightening and enjoyable. Coming from an accounting and finance background, I was hesitant to visit the drilling school as I felt the day would be geared towards those with engineering knowledge. However, I was proven wrong. The whole day was a pleasant surprise, starting with a lecture about the different types of equipment used in drilling of offshore sites. This was followed by a practical session where we used the drilling equipment which was, in my opinion, the most enjoyable part of the day. The staff were friendly and accommodating, answering any questions we had. Overall, my experience of the Aberdeen Drilling School was very positive and I would recommend further visits by students in the future.



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