

## 2014 Statistical and Analytical Curriculum

Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical and Medical Device

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### About Thomas A. Little Consulting

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Thomas A. Little Consulting (TLC) is an internationally recognized scientific and engineering consulting firm with a proven record for achieving results. TLC has an extensive ICH and QbD curriculum SAS/JMP based for method, product and process development, data analysis, characterization, optimization and control. TLC is a strategic partner of SAS/JMP.

TLC offers specific courses in analytics, data analysis, design of experiments, performance modeling, statistical process control, assay development and method validation, measurement systems analysis, mixture design of experiments, quality risk management and failure modes and effects analysis. These courses are used by a variety of fortune 500 companies to train their analysts, scientists and engineers. TLC has extensive experience in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical device industries and has trained over 60,000 scientists, engineers and business professionals globally.

In addition to training TLC works actively with the drug development team to assure product development and submission study design, data analysis, risk assessments, design of experiments, assay development and validations all meet the high standards of regulatory review and use best in class approaches to product development and report generation.

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### Recommended Software Tools

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**JMP** versions 10.2 and 11.0 are world-class analytical engines for general data visualization and analysis, problem solving and design of experiments. **JMP** a business unit of SAS is a strategic business partner of TLC and a preferred solution for statistical and analytical methods.  
[www.jmp.com](http://www.jmp.com)

**Quality by Design Curriculum**

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The following are recommendations for some of the most commonly used courses in industry and directly support FDA regulations and key initiatives such as PAT and Quality by Design.

Days	QbD/DFLSS Practitioner
1	Intro to Quality by Design
3	Statistical Methods and Data Analysis
2	Quality Risk Management and FMEA
2	Root Cause Analysis and CAPA
2	Process Mapping
2	Design of Experiments
1	Mixture DOE
2	Robust Optimization Design Space and Tolerance Design
1	Statistical Methods for Process Validation
2	Assay Development and Method Validation
1	Stability Analysis
2	Process Control Design using SPC/PAT
1	Nonlinear Modeling (Relative Potency)
1	Introduction to JMP Scripting



## Introduction to QbD and Critical Quality Attributes

### IQbD

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical and business needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. Foundations of QbD are discussed; methods for generation of CQA's are presented. The course requires 8 hours of instruction.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all managers, directors, scientists, business professionals and engineers who actively work on all aspects of drug product and drug substance development and manufacturing.

#### Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

#### Course Objectives

1. Understand what is QbD
2. Define FDA/EU expectations
3. Discuss ICH development guidelines for QbD
4. Understand the QbD development framework
5. Apply line of site from clinical to release
6. Impact of QbD on drug development and submission

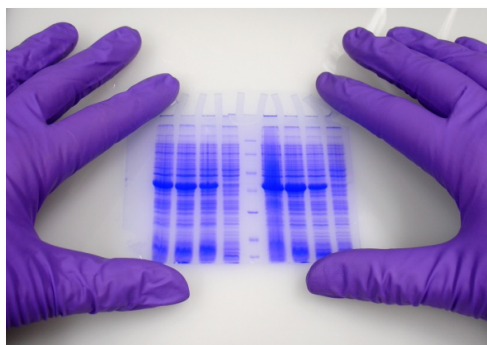
#### Detailed Course Outline

##### Section I Introduction to Quality by Design

FDA and EU guidance on QbD  
Purpose and opportunity  
QbD benefits and impact on FDA submissions  
Systematic product development  
10 principles of QbD  
QbD examples

##### Section II Critical Quality Attribute Generation

CQA's definition in product development  
CQA's flow down and validation



## Statistical Methods and Data Analysis

### SMDA

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. Areas of focus are; JMP basics, analysis of data for basic engineering and scientific applications including statistics, distribution analysis, capability assessment, variation analysis, comparison tests, sample size selection, hypothesis testing, confidence intervals and multiple factor modeling. The course requires 24 hours of instruction.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all scientists, engineers and quality professionals who actively work on all aspects of discovery, product and process development where the goal is to characterize, optimize and improve product and process performance.

#### Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

#### Course Objectives

7. Use data to solve engineering and scientific problems.
8. Understand the ideas associated with sampling and data collection.
9. Demonstrate the ability to evaluate distributions.
10. Select appropriate sample sizes for performance evaluation.
11. Conduct comparative tests using data.
12. Use regression techniques in order to analyze data and make process/product improvements.
13. Select appropriate analysis technique based on type of data.
14. Apply JMP to data analysis problems.

#### Detailed Course Outline

##### Section I Introduction to JMP

Table commands  
Column commands  
Row commands  
Subset commands  
Saving Scripts, Journals and Projects

##### Section II Statistics Foundations & Distribution Analysis

Measures of center and spread  
Standard error and central limit theorem  
Normal distribution

t distribution and confidence intervals

Test for normality

Individuals and tolerance intervals (normal)

Process capability (normal)

Nonnormal distribution fitting and process capability

**Section III Nominal X, Continuous Y**

Contour plots, Components of Variance, REML and POV

Sample size for the mean and standard deviation

t test – one sample

t test – two sample

Test for differences in variances

t test – paired

One-way ANOVA and F test

N-way ANOVA

Nonparametric data analysis (optional)

**Section IV Continuous X, Continuous Y**

Simple linear regression, correlation

Multiple regression

ANCOVA

**Section V Nominal X, Nominal Y**

Mean and sigma for proportion defective

Sample size and statistical tests for proportion defective

Mean and sigma for defect per unit

Chi-square test for defects and proportion defective

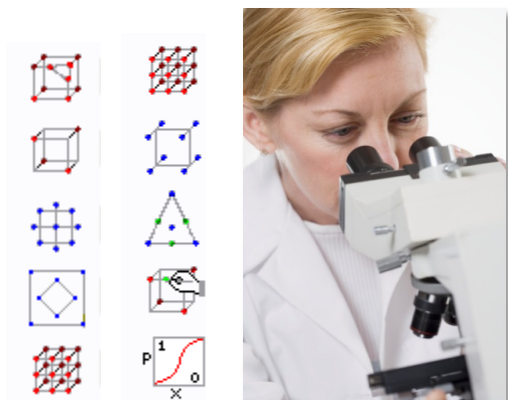
Pareto graphs and cross tabs analysis

**Section VI Continuous X, Nominal Y and Partition**

Logistic regression

Nominal logistic regression (optional)

Recursive partitioning



## Design of Experiments

### DOE

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. The course covers both basic and advanced concepts for the design and analysis of experiments. The course requires 16 hours of instruction.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all scientists, engineers and quality professionals who actively work on all aspects of discovery, product and process development where the goal is to characterize, optimize and improve product and process performance.

#### Prerequisites

Engineering statistics and data analysis is recommended.

#### Course Objectives

1. Select factors and responses for experiments.
2. Design experiments appropriate for the information of interest.
3. Use and apply the structures of orthogonal arrays for product and process development and problem solving.
4. Ensure the experimental design is efficient.
5. Use regression techniques in order to analyze the results and make process/product improvements.
6. Use JMP software to design and analyze experiments.

#### Detailed Course Outline

##### Section I Introduction to DOE

##### Section II Experimental Preparation

##### Section III Full Factorial Designs

##### Section IV Screening Designs

Augment design

##### Section V Custom Designs

Generating custom designs

Evaluating custom designs

Analysis of custom designs

Simulation for full distribution modeling

Strategies to minimize experimental size

Adding covariate and uncontrolled factors

Life or repeated measures experiments

Disallowed combinations (nested DOEs)

Split Plot designs

Adding dummy variables

Blocking designs

Mixtures in custom designs

Setting constraints in a DOE

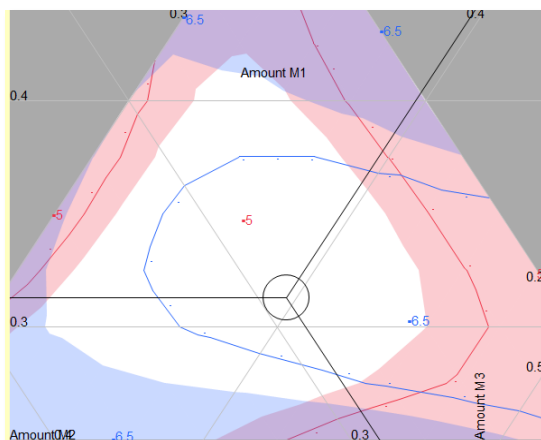
**Section VI Response Surface Designs**

**Section VII Special Topics In DOE (optional)**

Supersaturated designs

Strip plot designs





## Mixture Design of Experiments

### MixDOE

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. Course covers all aspects of mixture design including pre-DOE, simplex lattice, centroid, screening and custom mixture designs. The course requires 8 hours of instruction.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all scientists, engineers and quality professionals who actively work on all aspects of discovery, product and process development where the goal is to characterize, optimize and improve product and process performance.

#### Prerequisites

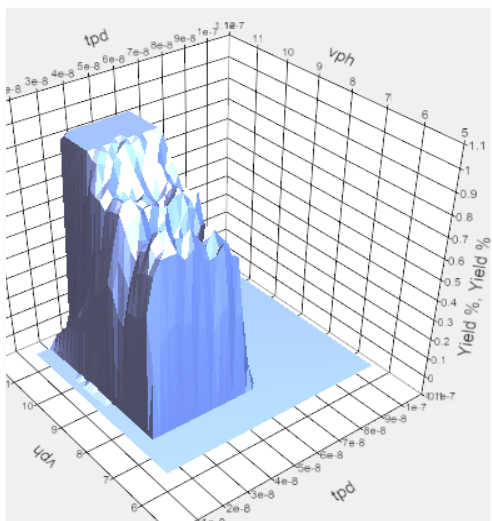
ESDA and DOE are suggested courses prior to MixDOE.

#### Course Objectives

1. Apply the principles of robust design to Mixture Experiments.
2. Design mixture experiments appropriate for the information of interest.
3. Use and apply the structures of simplex and optimal designs for product and process development and problem solving.
4. Ensure the mixture design is efficient.
5. Use regression techniques in order to analyze the results and make process/product improvements.
6. Use *JMP* software to design and analyze experiments.

#### Detailed Course Outline

<b>Section I</b>	<b>Introduction and Two Factor Mixture Designs</b> Experimental preparation and pre-DOE Two Factor Mixture Designs
<b>Section II</b>	<b>Simplex Lattice Designs</b>
<b>Section III</b>	<b>Simplex Centroid and ABCD Screening Designs</b> Simplex Centroid ABCD Screening Designs
<b>Section IV</b>	<b>Extreme Vertices Designs</b>
<b>Section V</b>	<b>Optimal Designs</b>
<b>Section VI</b>	<b>Custom Design</b>



## Robust Optimization, Design Space and Tolerance Design

### ROTD

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. Robust optimization and tolerance design presents the methods and practices associated with designing and optimizing products and processes and to discuss tolerance design methods to protect product quality and clinical benefits. The course requires 16 hours of instruction.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all scientists, engineers and quality professionals who actively work on all aspects of discovery, product and process development where the goal is to characterize, optimize and improve product and process performance.

#### Prerequisites

ESDA and DOE are recommended course prior to taking ROTD.

#### Course Objectives

1. Learn and apply the principles of robust product design.
2. Design experiments appropriate for the information of interest.
3. Use and apply the structures of orthogonal arrays for product and process development and problem solving.
4. Ensure the experimental design is efficient.
5. Use regression techniques in order to analyze the results and make process/product improvements.
6. Optimize the response at its most robust condition.
7. Tolerance the factors and responses.
8. Use JMP software to design and analyze experiments.

#### Detailed Course Outline

##### Section I Distribution and tolerance design foundations

System, parameter and tolerance design  
Tolerance design methods

##### Section II DOE review and robust design principles

Eight robust design principles

**Section III DOE using custom designs**

- Custom designs
- Strategies to minimize experimental size
- Adding covariate and uncontrolled factors
- Special topics for custom designs (optional)
  - Blocking designs
  - Setting constraints in the design

**Section IV Robust optimization methods**

- Tighten the tolerance of X
- Design to the flats
- Use interactions to tune out sensitivities
- Use parameter combinations

**Section V Tolerance design and margin analysis**

- Tolerance design procedure
- Tolerance stack up analysis



## Assay Development and Method Validation

### Assay Development and Method Validation

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. This course is designed for those individuals directly working on assay development, test validation, variation assessment and measurement systems analysis (MSA). It is assumed they come from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines and will be working on a variety of projects. Presentation of the course material is designed for sixteen hours of instruction.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all employees who actively work on any aspect of assay, measurement, product and process development where the goal is to improve product and process measurement performance.

#### Prerequisites

DOE is a recommended course prior to taking AD-MSA.

#### Course Objectives

1. Design experiments for assay characterization.
2. Design experiments for nonlinear modeling
3. Design experiments for variation reduction
4. Evaluate measurement errors and isolate sources of variation
5. Determine methods to correct systematic errors in instruments and assay methods
6. Determine inspection and test related errors

#### Detailed Course Outline

##### Section I Statistical Foundations and Variation Assessment

Introduction to assay and test development, validation and MSA  
Review of basic statistics  
Variation analysis methods

##### Section II DOEs for Assay Development and Evaluation

Assay characterization experiments  
DOE for variation reduction  
DOE for robustness  
DOE for nonlinear characterization

##### Section III Chemical and Biological Assay Evaluation and Validation

Accuracy

Precision (Repeatability, Intermediate Precision, Reproducibility)  
Detection limit  
Quantitation limit  
Suitability  
Linearity  
Range  
Specificity  
Robustness

**Section IV MSA for Variables Data (Physical and Destructive)**

MSA terms and definitions  
GR&R procedure and analysis  
Secondary breakdown of repeatability  
Discrimination ratio  
Bias  
Linearity  
MSA for destructive testing  
MSA studies using fluids  
Calibration, correlation and compensation

**Section V MSA for Attributes Data (Visual and Mechanical)**

Operational definitions  
Effectiveness  
Probability of a false alarm  
Probability of a miss  
Bias  
Escape rate  
Statistical tests for attributes

**Section VI Multifactor MSA Studies**

Using POV for multiple factor gage studies



## Statistical Methods for Process Validation

### Statistical Methods for Process Validation

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. A key component of pharmaceutical, medical device and biotechnology product development is to perform process validation and qualification studies. The basic concepts, requirements and statistical methods for process validation are presented.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all employees who actively work on process sciences, process development and process validation.

#### Prerequisites

ESDA and DOE are recommended prior to this course.

#### Course Objectives

1. Design, analyze and report validation studies
2. Select appropriate analytical tools for process validation
3. Define process controls and reviews for continued process verification
4. Determine sample size for validation studies
5. Determine sources of process and material variation
6. Establish process capability and design margin
7. Report on process validation and qualification performance
8. Apply JMP to validation data analysis and reporting

#### Detailed Course Outline

##### Section I Process Qualification and Validation Introduction

Process Validation and Drug Quality  
General Approach to Process Validation  
Statutory and Regulatory Requirements for Process Validation  
Process Validation Recommendations

##### Section II Stage 1: Process Design

Building and Capturing Process Knowledge and Understanding  
Establishing a Strategy for Process Control

**Section III Stage 2: Process Qualification**

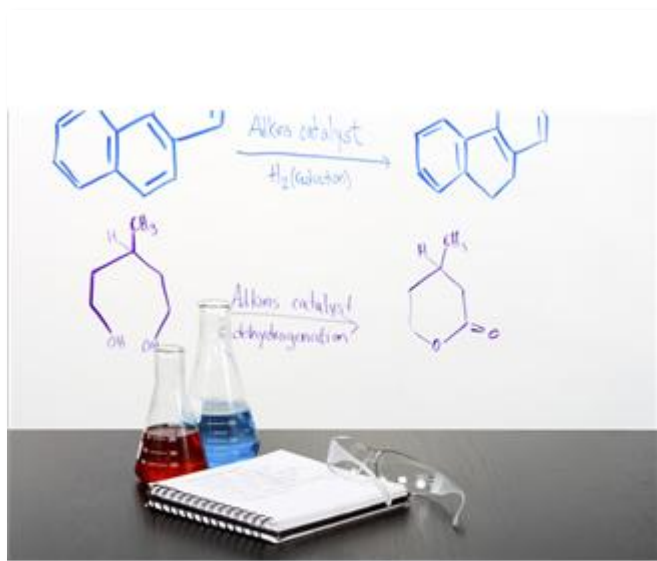
- Design of a Facility and Qualification of Utilities and Equipment
- Process Performance Qualification
- PAT during Qualification
- PPQ Protocol
- PPQ Protocol Execution and Report

**Section IV Stage 3: Continued Process Verification**

- Establishing a Monitoring Program
- Data Analysis Trending and ongoing Capability Monitoring
- Deviations/Investigations and CAPA
- Change Control
- Complaints
- CPV Data Review and Reporting

**Section V Analytical Tools for Process Validation**

- DOE design space
- DOE, CPP and PAR analysis
- POV and Sample Size during PV
- Process Capability and Design Margin
- Control Charts during Validation
- ANOVA and ANOM
- Equivalence Testing



## Measurement Systems Analysis

### MSA

#### Course Description and Audience:

Course is designed for Engineers, Scientists and Managers who have direct responsibility for measurement evaluation, selection, and control. Course covers the basic concepts associated with measurement systems analysis, repeatability, reproducibility, accuracy, linearity, stability, standards selection and use, calibration and compensation and measurement control.

#### Course Objectives:

As a result of the course the participant will be able to:

1. Determine gage capability.
2. Assess accuracy, linearity, stability, repeatability and reproducibility in test equipment.
3. Design and deploy SPC for measurement control.
4. Select and establish standards.
5. Describe proper methods for instrument calibration and compensation.
6. Conduct gage capability for inspection activities.
7. Discuss how MSA impacts customer satisfaction.

#### Detailed Course Outline:

##### Section I Introduction to MSA

MSA is a key to systematic product development  
Background statistical principles  
Sources of error  
Focus on the measurement process

##### Section II Terms and Definitions

Repeatability  
Reproducibility  
Accuracy  
Linearity  
Stability

##### Section III R&R, Linearity, & Accuracy

2 factor crossed design for Variables MSA  
Repeatability & Reproducibility



R&R and Capability Example

Accuracy example

Linearity example

**Section IV Correlation, Calibration and Compensation**

Correlation and compensation

Soft compensation versus standard calibration

Scatterplot Method

Problems with  $r^2$

**Section V SPC for Measurement Control**

Selection and utilization of Standards

SPC for Measurement Control

SPC using stable standards

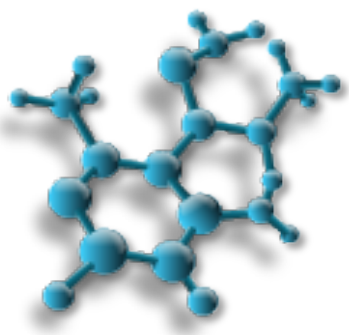
SPC using unstable standards

**Section VI MSA for Attributes**

Operational Definitions

Effectiveness, P(miss), P(false alarm)

Kappa, escape rate and bias



## Reliability Analysis

### RA

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. Areas of focus are distribution analysis, area under the curve estimation, hypothesis testing, life and survival estimation, thermal sensitivity, confidence intervals and multiple factor modeling. The course requires 8 hours of instruction.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all scientists, engineers and quality professionals who actively work on all aspects of discovery, product and process development where the goal is to characterize, optimize and improve product and process performance.

#### Prerequisites

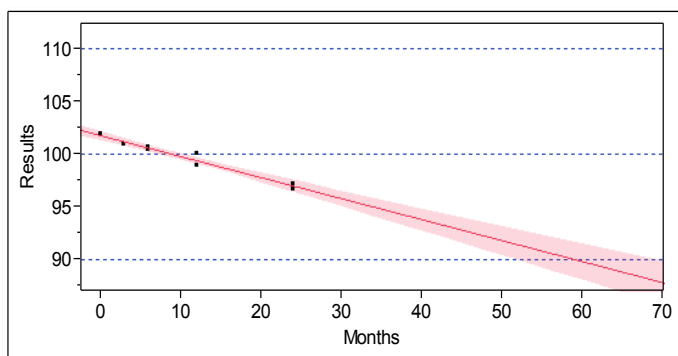
ESDA is a recommended course prior to taking LTRA.

#### Course Objectives

1. Determine product reliability performance.
2. Understand and apply non-parametric reliability analysis.
3. Understand and apply parametric reliability analysis.
4. Perform multivariate reliability assessment.
5. Understand and apply recurrence analysis.
6. Use Arrhenius transformations in reliability modeling.
7. Select appropriate sample sizes for MTBF studies.
8. Model reliability improvement using reliability growth models.

#### Detailed Course Outline

Introduction to reliability analysis and basic statistics  
Nonparametric reliability analysis (Kaplan-Meier)  
Parametric reliability analysis (LogNormal, Exponential, Weibull)  
Competing Causes  
Lifetime distribution analysis  
Fit Life by X  
Multivariate reliability analysis (Parametric Survival)  
Recurrence analysis  
MTBF analysis  
Reliability growth analysis



## Stability Analysis

### SA

#### Course Description

A key component of pharmaceutical, medical device and biotechnology product development is to determine product stability and shelf life. The basic statistical assumptions, tests and life predictions methods will be presented with examples. Determination of whether to pool data, use a common slope or fit the data individually will be presented. Sample size selection and stability estimation in compliance with FDA guidance is discussed.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all scientists, engineers and quality professionals who actively work on all aspects of discovery, product and process development where the goal is to characterize, optimize and improve product and process performance.

#### Prerequisites

ESDA is a recommended course prior to taking this course.

#### Course Objectives

1. Design and analyze stability studies.
2. Determine the appropriate fitting method for any stability data set.
3. Determine shelf life.
4. Select appropriate analysis technique based on type of data.
5. Use and interpret the stability script and associated report.

#### Detailed Course Outline

##### Section I Stability Definition and Introduction

FDA guidelines

##### Section II Stability Study Design

Sample size

Test conditions

##### Section III Stability Data Analysis and Life Prediction

Extendibility and Confidence Intervals

Shelf Life Determination

All batches pooled

All batches with individual fits

Common slope

Common Intercept

##### Section IV Stress Testing



## Process Control Design Using SPC/PAT

### PCDUSPC

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. Course covers the basic concepts and methodologies associated with designing closed loop process controls using statistical process control for variables and attributes data. Variation assessment, subgroup formation, sample size selection, SPC control chart selection, out of control action plan generation are presented along with measures of process capability. The course requires 16 hours of instruction.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all scientists, engineers and quality professionals who actively work on all aspects of discovery, product and process development where the goal is to characterize, optimize and improve product and process performance.

#### Prerequisites

ESDA and DOE are recommended courses prior to taking PCD-SPC.

#### Course Objectives

1. Understand the language and compute the basic statistics associated with SPC.
2. Apply the ten process control requirements to achieve process control.
3. Determine rational subgroup formation, sample size and frequency.
4. Select appropriate control chart for process control requirements.
5. Compute appropriate control limits.
6. Develop appropriate SPC Charts and associated OCAPs.
7. Determine process capability.
8. Describe the roles and responsibilities for using SPC.
9. Use JMP to analyze process variation patterns, generate SPC charts and determine process capability.

#### Detailed Course Outline

##### Section I Introduction and Basic Statistics

SPC a basis for control  
Basic statistics  
Normal distribution  
Standard error of the mean  
Central limit theorem

##### Section II Ten Requirements for Designing Effective Process Control

1. Clear product specifications
2. Effective metrology
3. Process characterization
4. Sampling plan
5. Control chart selection (variables and attributes)
6. Alarms, closing the loop and out-of-control action plans (OCAP)
7. Process documentation
8. Operator and engineering training
9. Database
10. Routine line audits

**Section III Process Capability**

Determining process stability prior to computation of capability

Cp and Cpk

Sigma and z as measures of process capability

Tests for normality

Distribution fitting for nonnormal parameters

**Section IV Process Control Implementation Roles and Responsibilities**

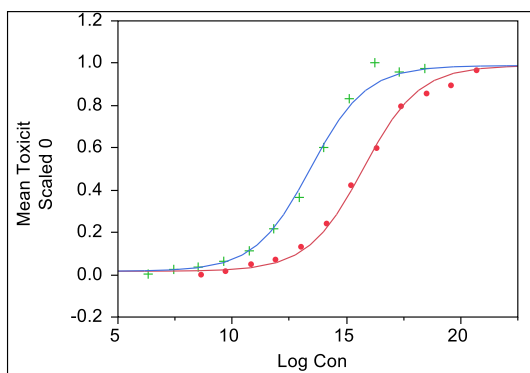
Management

Process engineer

Process control specialist

Supervisor

Operator



## Nonlinear Modeling and Dose Response

### Nonlinear Modeling and Dose Response

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. Areas of focus are regression and linear and nonlinear modeling. The course requires 8 hours of instruction.

#### Attendees

This course is required for those individuals that directly work with assay development and method validation. Further it may be helpful for those individuals that work with process characterization and generation of predictive models.

#### Prerequisites

Engineering Statistics and Data Analysis is recommended.

#### Course Objectives

1. Determine the best fit for linear models
2. Identify when nonlinear models may be appropriate
3. Select and fit nonlinear models
4. Evaluate and predict performance from nonlinear models
5. Evaluate the lack of fit from nonlinear models
6. Determine EC50 and relative potency using JMP

#### Detailed Course Outline

##### Basics of Linear Modeling

Linear Regression  
Sniper Plots  
Fit Special

##### Nonlinear Models

Nonlinear platform  
Model selection  
Model evaluation  
Adding X factors

##### Bio Assay and Relative Potency

EC50  
Potency and Relative Potency  
JMP Bioassay Addin

##### Nonlinear DOE



## Quality Risk Management and FMEA

### QRM-FMEA

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. Areas of instruction covers the topics associated with risk management including risk management definitions, risk management process and risk assessment tools including Failure Modes and Effects Analysis. The course requires 16 hours of instruction.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all scientists, engineers and quality professionals who actively work on all aspects of discovery, product and process development where the goal is to characterize, optimize and improve product and process performance.

#### Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

#### Course Objectives

1. Understand the definitions, process and tools associated with Quality Risk Management
2. Identify potential design, process or test issues associated with product and performance risk
3. Understand the tools and methods for risk assessment and prioritization
4. Understand the various types of FMEAs
5. Apply the basic steps for FMEA generation
6. Know when and how to apply FMEA to product and process development
7. Prioritize and manage risk reduction opportunities from FMEA results

#### Detailed Course Outline

##### Section I Quality Risk Management Principles and Process

Risk management principles  
Risk management process  
Responsibilities  
Risk assessment  
Risk control  
Risk communication  
Risk review

##### Section II Risk Analysis Tools

- Basic quality tools and risk weighted analysis
- Cause and effect diagrams
- Process flow and risk assessment
- Pareto and Risk Weighted Pareto analysis
- Histograms, capability, simulation and Margin
- Control charts
- Regression
- DOE (product and process) and MSA

**Section III Technical Risk Assessment and Failure Modes and Effects Analysis**

- Application areas for FMEA
- FMEA preparation
- FMEA generation workshop

**Section IV Methods for Reducing Risk**

- FMEA action plans and risk reduction





## Root Cause Analysis and CAPA

### RCA-CAPA

#### Course Description

This course is specifically designed to meet the analytical needs of those individuals working within FDA regulated industries. This course is designed for those individuals working directly on product and process development and corrective/preventative action. It is assumed they come from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines and will be working on a variety of process improvement areas across the company. The course is designed for 16 hours of presentation.

#### Attendees

This course is required for all scientists, engineers and quality professionals who actively work on all aspects of discovery, product and process development where the goal is to understand the root cause of performance problems and implement appropriate CAPA procedures to assure the problem never occurs again.

#### Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

#### Course Objectives

1. Identify a problem that requires action
2. Define a problem in measurable terms
3. Contain the problem while developing a durable solution
4. Measure core performance and establish metrics
5. Collect and analyze data relevant to the problem of interest
6. Analyze the system of causes and determine root cause
7. Plan and implement corrective and preventative relevant to the root cause of the problem
8. Evaluate the effectiveness of the solutions
9. Establish controls to sustain solutions
10. Use Excel or JMP for basic statistics and data analysis

#### Detailed Course Outline

##### Section I Introduction to root cause analysis

- Need for improvement
- Savings associated with root cause analysis
- Eight+ basic quality tools

**Section II Define and contain the problem**

- Define the problem
- Contain the problem
- Determine scope, objectives and goals
- Project leadership and planning

**Section III Measure the problem**

- Map the process
- Determine data collection plan
- Establish metrics and capability

**Section IV Analyze data and determine root cause**

- Analyze and summarize the data
- Analyze and summarize the process map
- Determine root causes and summarize all findings

**Section V Improve performance**

- Brainstorming solutions and CAPA
- Benefit, cost, risk and complexity determination
- Measuring solution effectiveness

**Section VI Control and standardize improvements**

- Process owner
- Select controls

**Harmonized QbD/Product Development and Lean Six Sigma Curriculum**

The following is a summary table of the QbD curriculum harmonized with the LSS Curriculum. Additional courses may be added from the LSS curriculum if individuals are working on black belt projects.

**QbD and Lean Six Sigma Curriculum**

Days	Product Development and QbD Curriculum	Process Sciences	Analytical Sciences	Quality Assurance	Modular Green Belt	Modular Black Belt
1.5	Introduction to QbD, VOC and Critical Quality Attributes	•	•	•		
3	Engineering Statistics and Data Analysis	•	•	•	•	•
2	Design of Experiments	•	•	•	•	•
1	Mixture DOE	•	•			
2	Assay Development and Method Validation		•			•
2	Quality Risk Management and FMEA	•	•	•		•
2	Root Cause Analysis and CAPA	•	•	•	•	•
1	Robust Optimization and Tolerance Design	•	•			•
2	Analytical Methods for Process Validation	•		•		
1	Stability and Degradation Analysis	•	•			
2	Process Control Design using SPC	•	•	•	•	•
1	Nonlinear Modeling (Dose Response, Relative Potency)	•	•			
20.5	Total	18.5	18.5	14.5		
	Modular Green Belt/Black Belt Courses				Green Belt	Black Belt
2	Process Mapping and Process Improvement	•	•		•	•
1	Lean Methodologies				•	•
1	Measurement Systems Analysis				•	•
1	Reliability Analysis					
					13	18
Certified QbD Practitioner, examination and demonstrated development application					One Project	Two Projects



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