

Drilling Fluid Tech FAQ

1. What is the cost of the program?

The tuition for the program is \$6,000 (US dollars). This includes your book, materials and well control. The student will be provided with everything needed including PPE gear.

2. How long does the course last? What are the class hours?

The program is 4 weeks, 180 hours. Class is held Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm with a study hall one night per week from 6 pm to 8 pm. It is very fast paced.

3. Does tuition cover room & board?

No. Housing is not provided. However, several area hotels and motels have agreed to give our students discounted rates that range from \$40 to \$100+ per night.

4. Can I apply for Financial Aid?

No. Traditional financial aid/grants/scholarships are not provided due to the short nature of the course. There is possibility for Alternative Education Loan (Sallie Mae) specifically for Continuing Education program. You must work directly with a financial institution. These loans are based on credit score but should be a better rate than personal loan. Some past students have been provided with funding from member organizations when the students meet certain criteria. Other students have arranged for private loans.

5. Does VA funding apply?

No. Unfortunately, no VA funding/GI Bill will apply to this course since it is in Continuing Education. Texas veterans may be eligible to use the Hazlewood Exemption if all requirements are met.

6. Do we offer job placement?

No. Job placement is not provided for this program or any other program at Vernon College. Students will be actively steered towards known job opportunities. Students should remember that each employer has different hiring standards and needs, just as each student will have unique qualifications and needs.

7. What is the purpose of the math pre-test?

The program is very math intensive and students should be prepared to work math problems with exponents and logarithms. Students are encouraged to use the math pre-test as a self-evaluation tool. Each pre-test question is a partial example of formulas used during the course.

8. International student?

The Drilling Fluid Technician program falls under Continuing Education. Vernon College is only approved to issue F-1 visas which are for academic/credit students seeking an associate's degree. M-1 visas would be for CE students.