# **HIGHER NITEC IN BIO-CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY (3 YEARS)**

# CERTIFICATION

Credits required for certification:

Sector Foundation Modules : 24
Specialisation Modules : 30
Internship Programme Modules : 12
Life Skills Modules : 10
Cross Disciplinary Core Modules : 12
Electives : 8
Total : 96

# **COURSE STRUCTURE**

| Module Title                           | Credits |
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| SECTOR FOUNDATION MODULES              |         |
| Basic Laboratory Techniques            | 3       |
| Occupational Health & Safety           | 3       |
| Applied Science Fundamentals           | 3       |
| Basic Mathematics                      | 3       |
| Analytical Laboratory Techniques       | 3       |
| Good Industry Practices                | 3       |
| Basic Microbiology Techniques          | 3       |
| Urban Farming Laboratory Techniques    | 3       |
| SPECIALISATION MODULES                 |         |
| Introductory Chemistry                 | 3       |
| Analytical Chemistry                   | 3       |
| Laboratory Mathematics & Data Analysis | 3       |
| General Microbiology                   | 3       |
| Sample Handling & Processing           | 3       |
| Essential Biochemistry                 | 3       |
| Spectroscopy Techniques                | 3       |
| Liquid Chromatography Techniques       | 3       |
| Gas Chromatography Techniques          | 3       |
| Molecular Bioscience                   | 3       |
| INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME MODULES           |         |
| Internship Programme 1                 | 4       |
| Internship Programme 2                 | 8       |
| CROSS DISCIPLINARY CORE MODULES        |         |
| Fundamental of Health & Wellness       | 3       |
| Green Technology                       | 3       |
| Laboratory Management Automation       | 3       |
| Quality Manufacturing Practices        | 3       |

| Module Title                                    | Credits |
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| Sustainability Strategies and Carbon Management | 3       |
| ELECTIVES (COURSE SPECIFIC)                     |         |
| Essentials in Environmental Science             | 2       |
| Introduction to Cosmetic Science                | 2       |
| Medical Laboratory Practice                     | 2       |
| Molecular Biology Techniques                    | 2       |
| ELECTIVES (GENERAL) AND LIFE SKILLS MODULES     |         |
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Note: The offer of electives is subject to the training schedule of respective ITE Colleges. Students are advised to check with their Class Advisors on the availability of the elective modules they intend to pursue.

# **MODULE OBJECTIVES**

#### **Sector Foundation Modules**

# **Basic Laboratory Techniques**

On completion of the module, students should be able to adhere to laboratory safety, maintain the quality standards of chemical laboratory, perform basic laboratory techniques, carry out basic calibration and organise laboratory data.

# Occupational Health & Safety

On completion of the module, students should be able to perform workplace housekeeping and maintain workplace safety, which includes process safety, handle hazardous materials, perform biohazard waste management as well as participate in risk assessment.

#### Applied Science Fundamentals

On completion of the module, students should be able to identify common elements of organic and inorganic molecules, nomenclature used, chemical structure and bonding, common functional groups as well as the properties associated with the various functional groups. Students should also be able to perform basic measurements, prepare stock solution and do simple dilution in the laboratory.

#### **Basic Mathematics**

On completion of the module, students should be able to apply the various mathematical principles such as algebra, perform unit conversion and construct graphs for laboratory data expression and analysis. In addition, they should be able to collate data and perform basic functions using common software programme.

#### **Analytical Laboratory Techniques**

On completion of the module, students should be able to carry out basic calibration for analytical instruments, and perform basic measurements using these analytical instruments for sample analysis.

# Good Industry Practices

On completion of the module, students should be able to explain the importance of various industry and regulatory standards, interpret basic regulatory guidelines and adhere to good laboratory and manufacturing practices.

### Basic Microbiology Techniques

On completion of the module, students should be able to acquire the fundamental knowledge of microbiology and perform basic microbiological techniques required for the safe-handling, examination and cultivation of microorganisms.

# **Urban Farming Laboratory Techniques**

On completion of the module, students should be able to perform quality testing on growth media (water, soil, compost, etc) for the aquaculture and agriculture industries.

# **Specialisation Modules**

# Introductory Chemistry

On completion of the module, students should be able to perform manual titration, as well as identify the common elements of organic molecules, nomenclature used, chemical structure and bonding, common functional groups, and the properties associated with the various functional groups of organic compounds.

# Analytical Chemistry

On completion of the module, students should be able to perform measurement of pH and physical properties as well as various separation techniques for analysis using equipment.

# Laboratory Mathematics & Data Analysis

On completion of the module, students should be able to apply the various mathematical principles such as numbers, exponential and logarithms function and graphs construction for laboratory operations and analysis. They should also be able to collate data, prepare graphical display and perform statistical analysis using common software programme.

# General Microbiology

On completion of the module, students should be able to safely cultivate and stain microorganisms using aseptic techniques, perform microscopic observation of microorganisms and determine the concentration of cells in samples using common enumeration techniques.

# Sample Handling & Processing

On completion of the module, students should be able to understand sampling plans, perform sampling, apply proper preservation techniques and carry out sample analysis.

# **Essential Biochemistry**

On completion of the module, students should be able to perform analysis of biological compounds using various biochemical and spectrophotometric techniques as well as perform post-analysis interpretation of test results.

### Spectroscopy Techniques

On completion of the module, students should be able to perform various modes of spectroscopy, which include infrared spectrometry, atomic spectrometry, and the applications of inductive-coupled plasma instrument. They will also be able to troubleshoot and maintain spectroscopic instruments.

### Liquid Chromatography Techniques

On completion of the module, students should be able to perform chemical analysis with different types of High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) instruments, such as Reversed Phase HPLC, Ion Chromatography (IC), and Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (LCMS). They will also be able to troubleshoot and conduct basic routine maintenance for liquid chromatographic instruments.

### Gas Chromatography Techniques

On completion of the module, students should be able to perform chemical analysis with different types of Gas Chromatography (GC) instruments such as GC- Flame Ionization Detector (FID), GC- Thermal Conductivity Detector (TCD) and GC-Mass Spectrometry (GCMS). They will also be able to troubleshoot and conduct basic routine maintenance for gas chromatographic instruments.

#### Molecular Bioscience

On completion of the module, students should be able to perform various laboratory detection and diagnostic tests of biomolecules/ microorganisms for diagnostic/ identification purposes. They will also be able to classify and manage biological mixed waste.

### **Electives (General) and Life Skills Modules**

For details, click here.