

CSIR Integrated Skill Initiative



Certificate course on Skill Development in Computational Approaches to Drug Design and Development CSIR-CDRI



CSIR-CDRI (Central Drug Research Institute), a constituent Laboratory of CSIR, is devoted to R&D activities, technology support and academic (including Skill Training/HR) for the benefit of industry and research in the country. It is a premier drug research Institute with global image and vast experience in whole gamut of drug research modules which include lead generation and identification from phyto-chemicals/ fine-chemicals, biological evaluations to clinical trials.

In recent times computational procedures are widely adopted in drug research and pharmaceutical industry. In view of this to fill the gap between university curriculum and industry needs, the course is designed to introduce an array of in silico methods useful in direct and indirect drug design approaches and allied fields. The course expounds on theory and application of physical, quantum mechanical, statistical techniques in drug research and informatics applications in pharma industry to improve efficiency, quality and risk assessment in the development of drugs, formulations, agrochemicals and molecular materials.

CSIR-CDRI invites applications for “**Certificate course on Skill Development in Computational Approaches to Drug Design and Development**” as per the details given below:

Title of the course	: Certificate course on Skill Development in Computational Approaches to Drug Design and Development Certificate
Duration	: 8 Weeks
No of Seats	: 20
Educational Qualification	: M.Sc/ M.S. (Chemistry/ Life Sciences/ Biotechnology/ Bioinformatics), B.Pharm/ M.Pharm (Pharmaceutical Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry), B.E/ B.Tech/ M.Tech (Biotechnology/Bioinformatics). Basic knowledge of computer is essential.
Age Group	: 21-45 years (Open as per Educational Qualification)
Date of Commencement	: 10th Dec'18 – 1st Feb'2019 (CADDD02)
Venue of the course	: CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow
Course Fee	: Rs. 10000/-
Sponsorship	: Public/private sectors are welcomed to sponsorship.

Training for whom: The course may meet the aspirations of students, young researchers and industry sponsored personnel looking for training in computational approaches to drug design and development aspects. This course will provide an opportunity for skill development and hands-on experience in the chosen area. It will also provide a basis for planning future studies involving these techniques. *The course will improve the job scope of the candidates in the drug research and development sector of the industry.*

Course Structure: This course is oriented for academic research / industrial R&D. It introduces computational methods to enhance the productivity in the fields of Medicinal Chemistry, Biochemistry, Structural Chemistry and Biology and pharmaceutical solid form development. While covering the fundamental concepts behind the methods, this course will provide a strong focus on the practical aspects of computational approaches for drug design and development. Areas to be covered in this course include theoretical and practical aspects of wide array of computational and modelling techniques used in drug research and development. This course includes theory/lectures and practical/ hands-on sessions through selected software modules.

Topics to be covered

- Fundamentals of computing, Operating Systems, Information Technology etc
- Introduction to statistical thinking in drug research; types of data; sample and population; data summarization; hypothesis testing; regression methods etc
- Introduction & Applications of Computer-Aided Drug Design/ Bio-informatics/ Chem-informatics etc
- Molecular indices in QSAR; 2D and 3D QSAR methods – significance; Feature selection data reduction approaches; Interpolation and extrapolation; Retro-QSAR – status and scope etc
- Protein sequence and structural databases; Modeling; Docking etc
- Introduction to Solid form informatics; computational approaches in crystalline form selection and solid form development; polymorph screening of drugs etc
- Hands-on training/tutorials and/or project assignments

Management and Faculty: CSIR-CDRI has unmatched expertise in drug research with state-of-art facilities and talent. Faculties for this course are highly experienced and extremely well trained experts in this area.

Methods of Instruction: Instruction methods involve lectures and hands on practice. Medium of instruction will be in English and Hindi.

Sponsorship: Industries are encouraged to sponsor candidates of their interest.

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE TRAINING

- 40% Theory and 60% Practical Sessions as per the course curriculum.
- Tutorials based on the specific needs of the candidates and/or industry
- Interactive session.
- Focus on current needs of Pharma/ Life Science industry
- Guest lecturers of experts from Industry.

EVALUATION OF TRAINEES

Evaluation will consist of the following components

Theory Courses (50 Marks)

- (a) Continuous assessment through assignments (60%)
- (b) Term end examination (40%)

Practical Courses (50 Marks)

- (a) Guided Experiments (40%)
- (b) Unguided Experiments (60%)

CERTIFICATION

CSIR-CDRI will award certificates to the successful candidates.