

BioBasics 101: The Biology of Biotech for the Non-Scientist

Live, Online | Level One

BioBasics 101: The Biology of Biotech for the Non-Scientist is an intensive two-day course that explains the foundational science upon which all biopharma therapies are based. Day one focuses on the function of DNA, RNA, proteins, and cell signaling and how each interacts in both healthy and diseased tissue. Day two builds on your new-found molecular biology knowledge. This includes a more in depth look at genetic disease and how genetic engineering is used to create personalized medicine options for patients. The course ends with a survey of small molecule drugs, biologics, and vaccines and explains how each mitigates disease at the molecular level. BioBasics 101 will increase your scientific knowledge so that you can converse more effectively with colleagues, clients, regulators, and scientists.

BioBasics 101 was developed for the non-science professional who works within or services the biopharma industry.

Five takeaways

1. Fluency in the essential terminology of the biopharma industry.
2. Improved ability to communicate more effectively with colleagues, clients, scientists, and regulators.
3. Increased scientific understanding of your company or client products.
4. Determination of how your employer or client organization “fits” in the healthcare landscape.
5. Integration of your business and science operations to empower staff to recognizes new opportunities.

Agenda

Day One

Industry Overview 9:00-10:15

Healthcare industry sectors
Industry hubs and associations
FDA and industry
NIH and industry
Academia and industry

Research support companies
Funding

Break 10:15-10:25

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Biology: Basis of Biopharma 10:25-11:25

Process of biotechnology
Molecules critical to life
Cell structure
Industry application: receptors and drug targets
Industry application: mitochondria disease
Cell functions: signaling, protein production
Focus on cell signaling
Industry application: cell signaling and cancer

Break 11:25-11:35

DNA: Biopharma's Blueprint 11:35-12:00

History of DNA discovery
DNA structure
DNA organization: chromosomes and genes

Lunch 12:00-12:45

DNA: Biopharma's Blueprint *continued*
12:45-1:45

Industry application: chromosome abnormalities
DNA function: coding for proteins
Industry application: pharmacogenomics
DNA replication
Industry application: PCR

Break 1:45-2:00

Proteins: Biopharma's Workhorse 2:00-3:15

How DNA codes for proteins
Chaperone therapeutics
Industry application: pharmacological chaperone
Post-translational modifications (PTM)
Industry application: PTM and biologics
Industry application: drug discovery
Gene expression
Epigenetics
Industry application: epigenetic medicines

Wrap-Up 3:15-3:30

Day Two

Genetic Engineering 9:00-10:00

Plasmids
Restriction enzymes
Recombinant DNA/plasmid
Recombinant proteins
Making recombinant proteins
Pharm animals and plants
Recombinant proteins in healthcare

Break 10:00-10:10

Genetic Basis of Disease 10:10-11:25

Alleles
Phenotype and genotype
Dominant and recessive genes
Industry application: disease and genes
Mutations: source of genetic variation
Causes of mutations
Genetic basis of disease
Industry application: genome-wide studies
Monogenic and polygenic diseases
Industry application: sickle cell anemia
Industry application: cancer
Precision medicine
Companion diagnostics
Industry application: HER2+ and Herceptin

Break 11:25-11:35

Genomics: Understanding the Genetic Basis of Disease 11:35-12:15

Genomics defined
Non-coding DNA: the regulome
Identifying mutations that cause disease
Common genetic diseases
Rare genetic diseases

Lunch 12:15-1:00

Genomics: Understanding the Genetic Basis of Disease *continued 1:00-2:15*

Industry application: identifying mutations

DNA microarrays (gene chips)

Microarrays uses

Third generation gene sequencing

Industry application: big data and rare disease

Personalized medicine: integrating the 'omics

Industry application: comparative genomics

Break *2:15-2:30*

Drugs Mitigate Disease: An Overview *2:30-3:15*

Categories and characteristics of drugs

Small molecule drugs

Antibiotics

Peptide drugs

Large molecule drugs (biologics)

Vaccines

Therapeutic antibodies

Immunotherapies

Gene therapies

Cell therapies

Stem therapies

Wrap-Up *3:15-3:30*