

Testimonials

I'd like to thank you for all your help in passing the PE exam. I don't think that I could do it without you. I took the PE exam 5 times and failed it 5 times. I took many review courses before. At first, I was skeptical about your review because it appeared too simple and the problems don't look like the PE exam problems. It did not mater. Your course stresses the fundamental concepts and forces me to repeat those concepts over and over again. I also appreciate the extra time that you spent with me going over your problems. I called you many times and you have been a great help. You forced me to think and explain what I did. From your course, I can do those problems faster and more accurately.

Dan Loo, PE
Bureau of Sanitation
Los Angeles

Thanks Bob, I passed the ChE PE Exam! When you have your next class scheduled, I would distribute the announcement to the entire Process Community here at Clorox, recommending that they take your class to get the practical knowledge they never learned in school.

You can certainly use me as a reference; I would be happy to talk to other people. Your course material was excellent and very practical.

Agnes Jaszenovics, PE
Clorox
Pleasanton

I took Bob's review course before the exam. Initially, I was going to participate via correspondence method however, once I received the material I decided that would not work for me. I had been out of school over 15 years so much of the material was not in my near term memory. I ended up commuting via Jet Blue out of Long Beach airport every Saturday for the duration of the course. The course days were long but worth every minute, live participation made all the difference to me. Knowing I was going to be with the group each Saturday was a key motivator to my completing the weekly homework problems. The course is very informative and I don't think I could have entirely captured the content without participating in person. I ended up studying for the exam 6 or 7 weeks in the evenings and weekends – the durations of the course plus one more week before the exam. I highly recommend the course I did pass the PE exam and don't think I could have done it without the course.

Cheryl Sandifer, PE
Technip Engineering
Long Beach

I attended Bob Katin's Chemical Engineering Refresher Course while preparing to take the Professional Engineer's exam in April, 2010. Bob is an excellent teacher; he has written a well structured review course, he brings in all kinds of equipment for hands-on training, and he is very energetic and enthusiastic about chemical engineering. By "passing the baton", every student is responsible to answer questions in class, and Bob will make sure students understand the concept before moving on to the next topic.

Since I was an out-of-state student from Colorado, I used my time in the airports and on the airplanes to get my homework done. That allowed me to always be prepared for class; well, that and the additional 8 hours of homework during the week. My goal was to **take the Professional Engineer's exam once and pass**. With the help of Bob's well written modules, not only was I comfortable taking the exam, but I was familiar with many of the exam questions, and passed the test the first time I took it.

I would like to express my sincerest thanks to Bob Katin for his well organized course and his enthusiasm about chemical engineering. The time and energy I spent doing the module homework and getting to class to participate in person paid back tenfold when I sat the exam. Remembering his comments in class, the props (plate-frame heat exchanger parts, bourdon tubes, etc.), and flipping through his well-organized modules (and equation sheets) made the exam answers literally fall out on the paper.

Faith E. Kay, PE
Senior Project Engineer
URS Corp
Colorado

Bob, the European influence in the Research & Development/Shell Group considers the PE a sign of competence. I needed to obtain my PE license. I consider your class to be the best ChEs refresher class. It definitely exposes one to things they learned and forgot or never learned in the first place. You did a super job. Your experience and practical knowledge was quite evident. I have been putting off taking the PE exam for years on fear that I had forgotten too much. Not so; you've rebuilt my confidence. I know this material and passed the test. Thanks for helping me with this. You showed me how to use the systematic approach to problem solving. I tend to skip steps, take short-cuts, not write down the givens, and get a bit lost in solving. Your approach will be a great benefit in my future.

Ron Newman, PE
Shell Exploration & Production

I highly recommend Bob Katin's Chemical Engineering PE review course. I found it very worthwhile to fly up to the Bay Area from Los Angeles for 6 Saturdays to attend class. Bob distilled and taught the important concepts with hands-on examples, which was useful to both pass the test and to gain a better understanding of chemical engineering. Class materials prepared by Bob were very helpful for studying and in the exam.

Nicole Blute, PhD, PE
Senior Project Engineer
Malcolm Pirnie
Los Angeles

My current job does not require the use of in-depth ChE principles. However, the theory and basic principles and reference material does apply and thus, will be useful to me in Environmental Health & Safety or Quality Systems Engineering for a Semiconductor Manufacturer. I feel confident that I can learn, perform and deliver on the topics and subjects that are reviewed in your correspondence course and thus would feel comfortable entering a job field that required one or more of these in-depth ChE principles. There are many Chemical Engineers within my organization that have not received their PE.

I will gladly pass on your contact information to benefit both you and the individual pursuing their PE licensure.

Jennifer Smith, PE
X-FAB
Texas

I have some good news for you. I got notified today that I have passed my PE exam. I would like to sincerely thank you for my success in the PE exam because you played a significant role in my success. Your class gave me both the materials and confidence to pass this exam. Thank you for spending your time teaching our class; your style of teaching immensely helped me in understanding the curriculum and thus passing the exam.

Thanks,
Bhupinder Sahota, PE
Sanitary Engineer
CA Drinking Water Program
Stockton

I passed the October exam!!! Your class and notes helped tremendously. Thanks for everything.

Lesley E. Crowell
Air Resources Engineer
Sustainable Transportation Technologies Branch
Mobile Source Control Division
California Air Resources Board
Sacramento

It is my happy duty to report that I received a notice two days before Christmas that I had passed the ChemE P.E. exam here in Connecticut. Your review course as a correspondence class was very helpful. I brought your material into the exam. Practical information, and your review course's approach, was instrumental in my getting through the exam. I finished early, and felt confident about how I'd done. Thanks again for your help. If you are ever in Connecticut, please don't hesitate to look us up.

Very Best Regards,

Ed Everett, PE
Senior Engineer
American Nuclear Insurers
Connecticut

Thanks Bob for your help. I will definitely recommend your class to my colleagues. My one-hour commute from Sacramento was really worth every minute to attend to your class. You were right that there is no silver bullet in passing the PE exam but preparation and practice - especially in my case, it has been 26 years since I graduated Chemical Engineering from the Philippines. I knew it was very tough for me learning again especially on sunny Saturdays when everybody's enjoying the weekend. But you kept us alert all day with your individual question and answer technique. The visual aids really stick to my

mind! Thank you for your help and more power to you. I did pass the PE exam last October and of course your class was of great help especially as I do not have any hands on experience in "mass transfer" operations. I thank you for sharing your knowledge and experience in Chemical Engineering. I will definitely recommend your class to anyone interested in passing the ChemE PE and/or needing a refresher in chemical engineering principles.

Best regards,
Leo Sarmiento, P.E.
Water Resources Control Engineer
State Water Resources Control Board
Sacramento

Bob--Thank you for sending out your ChE Principles correspondence course in such a short time-frame. I completed each of the modules and was ready for the PE exam. I'm extremely happy with the course as both a study aid for the PE exam and also as a reference source for the rest of my career. I passed the PE Exam. I could not have done it with out your class.

Michael Wagner, PE
Environmental Engineer
Gannett Fleming
New York

My job uses the type of information you reviewed in this chemical engineering principles refresher class all the time. Learning this course material allows me to work better with process engineers. I intend to move into advanced process control engineering. I believe this course is of value to all process control engineers.

Gavin Gill, PE
Clorox
Pleasanton

Mr. Katin,

I took your chemical engineering principles refresher course as a correspondence course. I sent you e-mails of my solutions, and you marked them up to show where I made my mistakes. Thank you again for your review course. It helped me tremendously in the morning section, as I figured I correctly answered 33 to 36 correctly out of 40. The afternoon had numerous reactor design and kinetics questions. I had difficulty in undergrad with this section. I had to guess on about 10 out of 40 questions in the afternoon session of the PE exam. I can't imagine taking the test without a resource like your book. Again, great book! I passed the exam! I wanted to thank you for your class. I couldn't have passed without it!

Evan Taulbee, PE
Project Engineer
Verantis Corporation
Environmental Solutions Group
Ohio

I took Bob's ChE Principles Refresher class, and I passed the EIT/FE exam with ease. Bob's policy is you can re-take his class at no additional cost. So I took his class a second time, a few years later just before taking the PE exam. I passed the PE exam with ease. So did my study partners. Remember it's better to work smarter not harder. Check out Bob's class.

Good luck,

Sean Tobin P.E.
Chemical and Engineering Consultant
Integrated Engineering Services
Santa Clara

I took a PE Refresher class at a Berkeley site. The class was VERY theoretical. Fortunately, based on the studying I did on my own, I was able to pass the ChE PE exam. Later after earning my ChE PE, I took Bob Katin's class. It was extremely practical. Every class, Bob passed around parts to help understand the internals in components that we studied about in college, including fluid flow (piping, fittings, tubing, different metallurgy, different wall thickness, valves and when to use each), pump parts, compressor parts, heat exchanger parts, instruments, and mass transfer components (structured packing, random dump packing, and trays). Bob shared real life experiences to help attendees learn basic design rules of thumb and pothole problems to avoid. Bob's teaching style is conducive to learning. His one-on-one interaction gives engineers confidence in their knowledge of chemical engineering principles. Bob's class has helped me become a better design engineer.

Chris Towels, PE
Senior Process Engineer
Stantec
Walnut Creek

Bob Katin's Chemical Engineering PE class is a straight forward and high energy review of the principles and practices of the profession. It is a valuable tool not only in preparation for the Professional Engineering exam, but it a practical application review of the breath of engineering problem solving that strengthens and solidifies an engineer's understanding of the complexities of the profession.

I am a 25 year Controls Systems PE (instrument engineering), and needed to refresh some of the rusty parts of my chemical engineering knowledge. I learned more and dusted off the cobwebs in areas that refreshed and reinforced my passion for the profession. Bob stays very practical, but quickly insures that his technical approach is well based in the traditional first principles approach that we all were trained from school.

His knowledge of the plant and the real world examples of design solutions to complex problems is an example of how engineers should have that type of knowledge top of mind for more effective and value adding contributions to the overall engineering effort.

Bob mixes some hard work, with an open and energetic teaching style. He makes committing Saturdays in the spring well worth the time, and he becomes a mentor and guide for a varied group of people increasing their knowledge and value in the field.

Bob's course is outstanding, and actually, chemical engineers should take his course whether going after their PE or not.

Marc Privitera, PE
Eichleay Engineers
Concord

Thank you for your chemical engineering principles refresher course. I took it as a correspondence course from New York. The practice problems in the thermodynamics, fluid flow, pumps, and instrumentation modules really helped me solve the PE exam problems. Your emphasis on ensuring that every step was clearly outlined for solving each problem came in quite handy during the exam, when it became second-nature to do so.

Even via correspondence, the concepts were well-presented in each module and were easy to understand. Because of your course, I passed the PE Exam on my first attempt! Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Alexander Ho, PE
Manufacturing Engineer
Pall Corporation
New York

I highly recommend taking Bob Katin's Chemical Engineering PE review course. This was my second time taking the PE exam, and I knew I needed to take a course where I could freely ask questions. I am located in West Virginia and I took the class as a correspondence course. The material provided was very helpful, especially on exam day. It had a lot of reference tables, and short cut formula's that made it effective and efficient on exam day. It was helpful for me for that the ten modules in Bob's correspondence course had practice questions which provided a problem statement and the answer, but not the solution. That way it forced me to work through the problem if I got stuck (and not skip to the solution, as other material I tried using). When I had questions on the material, Bob was available via phone calls to answer the call, and we would not end the conversation until I understood the material. Taking Bob's correspondence course was a good use of my time and I highly recommend the course.

Thank you so much!

Karen M. Benner, P.E.
Corrosion Engineer
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Clarksburg, WV

Bob Katin's class on Chemical Engineering provides the concepts needed to pass the Chemical Engineering Professional Engineering Exam. I have worked for the State of California for over 20 years. Unfortunately, I have not worked in industry, so I lack the hands on knowledge of chemical engineering. By taking Bob's class, I mastered the concepts of Chemical Engineering

and with an adequate amount of self-study to solve problems in Bob's ten modules, I passed the Chemical Engineering P.E. exam.

Bob Katin's course teaches practical and theoretical applications of Chemical Engineering. There are even hands-on examples of equipment passed around in the class. Bob Katin finds the areas where you need the most work and encourages his students to conquer their challenges. Bob Katin is willing to entertain questions during the class for greater understanding.

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