

2024 Packaging Technology Course

February 22 – April 19, 2024

Course Director: Tom Eplett

All times are shown in Central Time (CT)

Virtual

Course Kick-off/ Orientation (Thursday, Feb. 22, 1:00 - 2:00 pm CT)

Week 1 (February 23 - 29)

Independent Learning:

- Brewery Packaging Safety Mark Jaeggi, Sabhailteacht Solutions
- Food Safety in Packaging Operations—Gary Nicholas, SanTan Brewing Co.
- Packaging Line Design Joe Trombley, Design Group Facility Solutions

Live Zoom Discussion: Thursday, February 29 (1:00 -4:00 CT), Happy Hour (Optional, 4:00- 4:30)

Week 2 (March 1 - 7)

Independent Learning:

- Glass Bottle Manufacturing Tom Eplett
- Beer Filling Technology Dan Voce & Eric Samp, New Belgium Brewing Company
- Palletizing and Depalletizing Operations Tom Miller, BW Integrated Systems

Live Zoom Discussion: Thursday, March 7 (1:00 -4:00 pm CT), Happy Hour (Optional, 4:00- 4:30)

Week 3 (March 8 – 14)

Independent Learning:

- Microfiltration of Beer Conor O'Hara
- Labeling Operations Tom Hungrige, Paramelt
- Labels 101 Roman Artz & Mark Glendenning, Inland Packaging

Live Zoom Discussion: Thursday, March 14 (1:00 -4:00 CT), Happy Hour (Optional, 4:00- 4:30)

Week 4 (March 15 - 21)

Independent Learning:

- Can and End Manufacturing -- David Garab, Preferred Seamer Service
- Packing and Unpacking Craig Friesen, BW Integrated Systems
- TBD

Live Zoom Discussion: Thursday, March 21 (1:00 -4:00 pm CT), Happy Hour (Optional, 4:00- 4:30)



Week 5 (March 22 - 28)

Independent Learning:

- Pasteurization & Pasteurizer Maintenance Dave Duff, BW Integrated Systems
- Sustainability in Packaging Walker Modic, Bell's Brewery
- Package Inspection Jeff DeVoy, Heuft USA

Live Zoom Discussion: Thursday, March 28 (1:00 -4:00 pm CT), Happy Hour (Optional, 4:00- 4:30)

Week 6 (March 29 - April 4)

Independent Learning:

- Quality Management Systems Gary Nicholas, SanTan Brewing Company
- Packaging Quality Assurance Tim Lozen, Bell's Brewery
- Packaging Department Maintenance Best Practices Greg Harris & Mike Sanchez

Live Zoom Discussion: Thursday, April 4 (1:00 -4:00 pm CT), Happy Hour (Optional, 4:00- 4:30)

In-Person at The University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN

Sunday, April 14

• Hotel Check-in, Opening Banquet

Monday, April 15

- Safety Mark Jaeggi, Sabhailteacht Solutions
- Food Safety Gary Nicholas, SanTan Brewing Company
- Can & End Manufacturing David Garab, Preferred Seamer Service
- Brewery Tour- TBD

Tuesday, April 16

- Packaging Quality Tim Lozen, Bell's Brewery
- Labeling—Mark Glendenning, Inland Label
- Microfiltration Conor O'Hara
- Conveyors—Jack Juraska & Joe Pajkos, Rexnord

Wednesday, April 17

- Sanitation—Jim Diamantis & Barry Owings, Zee Loeffler
- Line Control & Automation/ Packaging Line
 Integration— Joe Trombley, Design Group Facility
 Solutions
- Beer Flavor Training— Roy Desrochers, University of Vermont

Thursday, April 18

- Keg Line Optimization—*Chris Nimptsch, Profamo Inc.*
- Kegs and Keg Valve Maintenance—Logan Respess, Thielmann US
- Single Valve Kegs Logan Respess, Thielmann US
- TBD

Friday, April 19

- Personal Project presentations
- Brewery Tour *TBD*
- Closing Banquet

Saturday, April 20

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