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**Major Technical Disciplines** Upstream oil and gas operations, including Drilling; Completions; Health, Safety, and Environment; Management and Information; Production and Operations; Projects, Facilities and Construction; and Reservoir.

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