Analytical and Auditing Skills Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Public Financial Management & Budgeting	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Master **critical thinking** and problem-solving to evaluate complex data.
2. Apply **risk-based auditing** and data-driven techniques.
3. Plan, execute, and report on internal and external audits.
4. Document and assess the effectiveness of an organization's **internal controls**.
5. Apply **data mining** and **statistical analysis** for audit efficiency.
6. Develop clear, persuasive, and actionable audit reports for stakeholders.
7. Proactively spot financial and operational risks and recommend corrective actions.
8. Understand and apply **governance** and compliance standards.
9. Present complex findings with impact and manage stakeholder relationships.
10. Promote ethical conduct and best practices within your team and organization.
11. Use cutting-edge software and platforms to automate analytical tasks.
12. Streamline processes and improve accuracy through effective auditing.
13. Use insights to influence business strategy and drive organizational value.

Target Audience

1. Internal & External Auditors.
2. Financial & Business Analysts.
3. Risk Management Professionals.
4. Compliance & Governance Officers.
5. Managers & Team Leaders.
6. Accountants.
7. Quality Assurance Specialists.
8. Consultants.

Course Modules

Module 1: The Foundation of Strategic Analysis

- Understanding Data: Data sources, types, and the importance of data integrity.
- Analytical Frameworks.
- Qualitative & Quantitative Techniques: Mastering different methods of analysis.
- Data Visualization.
- **Case Study**: Analyzing a real-world dataset to identify operational bottlenecks and propose solutions.

Module 2: Core Auditing Principles

- The Modern Audit Cycle: From planning and fieldwork to reporting and follow-up.
- Internal Controls & Governance.
- Risk-Based Auditing.
- Documentation Standards.
- **Case Study**: A company is struggling with inventory management. Use a mock audit to assess their internal controls, identify weaknesses, and recommend improvements.

Module 3: Data-Driven Auditing Techniques

- Data Mining: Using data to uncover hidden patterns and anomalies.
- Audit Sampling: Applying statistical and non-statistical sampling methods.
- Continuous Auditing.
- Fraud Detection.
- **Case Study**: The **WorldCom fraud** serves as a cautionary tale. Analyze the financial data from the case to identify the accounting manipulations that were missed by their auditors.

Module 4: Practical Application of Tools & Technology

- Excel for Auditing: Advanced functions for data analysis and manipulation.
- Introduction to Audit Software: An overview of tools like ACL and IDEA.
- Data Integration: Merging data from disparate sources for a holistic view.
- Automating Tasks: Using macros and scripts to improve audit efficiency.
- **Case Study**: Using a live dataset from a simulated company, perform a full-scale analysis and audit using specialized software to generate audit findings.

Module 5: Communicating Findings with Impact

- Crafting Persuasive Reports.
- Presenting to Stakeholders.
- Handling Conflict.
- Developing Action Plans.
- **Case Study**: Based on the previous module's audit, draft a formal report and prepare a presentation for the company's executive committee, including a Q&A session.

Module 6: Advanced Risk Assessment

- Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)
- Cybersecurity Audits.
- Operational Audits.
- Compliance Audits
- **Case Study**: The **Lehman Brothers collapse** highlighted significant audit failures related to risk assessment. Analyze the case to understand the importance of exercising professional skepticism and evaluating complex financial disclosures.

Module 7: The Auditor as a Strategic Advisor

- Beyond Compliance.
- Performance Audits: Measuring organizational performance and efficiency.
- Root Cause Analysis.
- Ethical Conduct.

- **Case Study**: A company wants to improve its supply chain. Conduct a performance audit to identify inefficiencies, recommend process improvements, and calculate the potential cost savings.

Module 8: Professional Development & Future Trends

- Continuous Improvement.
- Emerging Technologies.
- Career Pathways: Exploring professional certifications and career progression.
- Networking: Building relationships within the auditing and analytical community.
- **Case Study**: Research the role of AI in modern auditing and present a brief on how a company could integrate AI tools to enhance their audit function.

Training Methodology

- Interactive Lectures: Concise, engaging sessions that cover key concepts.
- Hands-on Exercises: Participants will work with real-world scenarios and datasets.
- Case Studies
- Group Discussions.
- Role-Playing.
- Q&A Sessions: Dedicated time to address specific questions and challenges.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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