Multi-Echelon Inventory Planning Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Logistics and Supply Chain Management	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the fundamentals of multi-echelon inventory planning.
2. Apply advanced forecasting techniques for complex supply chains.
3. Optimize inventory across multiple stages of distribution networks.
4. Implement safety stock strategies to balance service levels and costs.
5. Analyze demand variability and its impact on inventory planning.
6. Leverage technology and software tools for inventory optimization.
7. Develop replenishment strategies to minimize stockouts and overstock.
8. Integrate supply chain and inventory data for actionable insights.
9. Evaluate performance metrics for continuous improvement.
10. Identify key drivers of inventory costs and ways to reduce them.
11. Implement risk management strategies in multi-echelon systems.
12. Apply real-world case studies to practical decision-making.
13. Foster collaboration between supply chain, procurement, and logistics teams.

Organizational Benefits

- Improved inventory accuracy and visibility across multiple locations.
- Reduction of carrying and holding costs.
- Enhanced customer service levels through optimized stock availability.
- Data-driven decision-making for inventory and supply chain management.
- Improved coordination between suppliers, warehouses, and distribution centers.
- Increased responsiveness to demand fluctuations and market changes.
- Streamlined replenishment processes and reduced lead times.
- Minimized risk of stockouts and excess inventory.
- Enhanced operational efficiency and profitability.
- Strengthened organizational competitiveness in supply chain performance.

Target Audiences

- Supply Chain Managers
- Inventory Planners
- Logistics and Distribution Professionals
- Procurement Officers
- Operations Managers
- Demand Planners
- Warehouse Managers
- Supply Chain Analysts

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Multi-Echelon Inventory Planning

- Understanding multi-echelon concepts and terminology
- Role of MEIP in modern supply chains
- Key challenges in multi-stage inventory systems
- Benefits of integrated inventory planning
- Case Study: Global consumer goods company inventory optimization
- Practical activity: Mapping multi-echelon networks

Module 2: Demand Forecasting Techniques

- Forecasting fundamentals and methods
- Statistical and machine learning forecasting approaches
- Handling demand variability and seasonality
- Evaluating forecast accuracy and bias
- Case Study: Seasonal retail demand forecasting
- Practical activity: Creating demand forecasts using sample data

Module 3: Safety Stock and Service Level Optimization

- Importance of safety stock in MEIP
- Calculating service levels for multiple echelons
- Strategies to balance stockouts vs. excess inventory
- Advanced safety stock optimization methods
- Case Study: Pharmaceutical distribution network safety stock
- Practical activity: Calculating optimal safety stock levels

Module 4: Inventory Allocation and Replenishment

- Principles of inventory allocation across locations
- Replenishment strategies for multi-echelon systems
- Lead time analysis and impact on stock levels
- Dynamic allocation methods
- Case Study: Automotive parts supply chain replenishment
- Practical activity: Simulating replenishment scenarios

Module 5: Multi-Echelon Inventory Optimization Tools

- Overview of software and technology solutions
- Integration with ERP and supply chain systems
- Decision support tools for inventory optimization
- Scenario modeling and simulation techniques
- Case Study: Consumer electronics company software implementation
- Practical activity: Using a sample inventory optimization tool

Module 6: Performance Metrics and KPIs

- Key performance indicators for inventory and supply chain
- Measuring efficiency, cost savings, and service levels
- Benchmarking against industry standards
- Continuous improvement strategies
- Case Study: E-commerce supply chain performance analysis
- Practical activity: Calculating and interpreting KPIs

Module 7: Risk Management in Multi-Echelon Systems

- Identifying risks in supply chains and inventory
- Mitigation strategies for demand variability and disruptions
- Contingency planning and safety measures
- Case Study: Natural disaster impact on regional inventory
- Practical activity: Risk assessment and planning
- Scenario analysis exercise

Module 8: Integrating MEIP with Organizational Strategy

- Aligning inventory planning with financial goals
- Cross-functional collaboration for supply chain success
- Strategic decision-making for long-term optimization

- Change management in implementing MEIP
- Case Study: Large-scale implementation in FMCG company
- Practical activity: Developing an organizational MEIP plan

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with visual aids and real-world examples
- Hands-on exercises using inventory planning software
- Group discussions and collaborative problem-solving
- Case study analyses from multiple industries
- Scenario-based simulations and role-play
- Assessment and feedback sessions to reinforce learning

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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