

Process Economics and Cost Estimation Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	General Training	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master process economics principles for effective project decision-making.
2. Develop accurate cost estimation skills for CAPEX and OPEX.
3. Apply financial analysis tools for feasibility and ROI assessment.
4. Understand process optimization techniques to minimize costs.
5. Utilize parametric and detailed cost modeling for various industries.
6. Learn risk assessment strategies for cost control and uncertainty management.
7. Implement value engineering methodologies to enhance project value.
8. Evaluate lifecycle costs and sustainability factors in project planning.
9. Benchmark costs using industry standards and best practices.
10. Analyze sensitivity and scenario planning for economic decision-making.
11. Integrate software tools and digital platforms for cost estimation.
12. Examine case studies to understand real-world cost challenges.
13. Improve cross-functional communication for project finance and engineering alignment.

Target Audience

1. Process Engineers
2. Project Managers
3. Cost Estimators
4. Chemical Engineers
5. Operations Managers
6. Financial Analysts in Industrial Projects
7. Procurement and Supply Chain Professionals
8. Engineering Consultants

Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of Process Economics

- Introduction to process economics and industrial relevance
- Understanding CAPEX vs OPEX
- Cost drivers in process industries
- Economic evaluation metrics-NPV, IRR, ROI
- Case Study: Cost-benefit analysis of a chemical plant expansion

Module 2: Cost Estimation Techniques

- Types of cost estimation: preliminary, detailed, and definitive
- Bottom-up vs top-down approaches
- Parametric modeling techniques
- Estimation accuracy and uncertainty management
- Case Study: Parametric cost estimation for a pharmaceutical plant

Module 3: Capital Cost Estimation (CAPEX)

- Fixed vs working capital requirements
- Equipment and installation costs
- Scaling and factor-based cost estimation
- Cost indices and inflation adjustment
- Case Study: CAPEX calculation for a biofuel production facility

Module 4: Operating Cost Estimation (OPEX)

- Raw materials and utility costs
- Labor and maintenance costs
- Overheads and indirect costs
- Cost optimization strategies
- Case Study: OPEX reduction strategies in a refinery plant

Module 5: Process Optimization for Cost Reduction

- Identifying bottlenecks and inefficiencies
- Lean process improvement techniques
- Energy and resource optimization
- Simulation and modeling for cost efficiency
- Case Study: Process optimization in a water treatment plant

Module 6: Financial Analysis & Feasibility

- Payback period and ROI calculations
- Discounted cash flow and risk analysis
- Sensitivity and scenario analysis
- Investment appraisal methods
- Case Study: Feasibility study of a solar power plant project

Module 7: Risk Management in Cost Estimation

- Risk identification and categorization
- Contingency planning and cost control
- Monte Carlo simulations for cost uncertainty
- Decision-making under uncertainty
- Case Study: Risk-adjusted cost estimation for a petrochemical project

Module 8: Software Tools & Digital Applications

- Overview of cost estimation software
- Digital twins and predictive modeling
- Data-driven decision-making for cost optimization
- Integration with ERP and project management tools

- Case Study: Digital cost modeling in a chemical plant retrofit

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$1,000
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
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