Training course on Advanced Food and Beverage Cost Control

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Tourism and hospitality	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the strategic importance of **F&B Cost Control** for maximizing profitability and sustainability.
2. Master advanced techniques for **menu engineering and pricing strategies** to optimize gross profit.
3. Implement sophisticated **purchasing and receiving protocols** to ensure quality and cost efficiency.
4. Develop and manage comprehensive **inventory control systems** to minimize waste and theft.
5. Apply methodologies for accurate **standard recipe costing** and portion control.
6. Formulate strategies for effective **labor cost control** and productivity management in F&B.
7. Analyze and interpret **F&B financial statements and key performance indicators (KPIs)**.
8. Implement robust **internal controls** to prevent theft, fraud, and waste.
9. Leverage **F&B technology solutions** for purchasing, inventory, and point-of-sale data analysis.
10. Develop and manage strategies for **waste reduction and sustainability** in F&B operations.
11. Conduct **variance analysis** and troubleshoot discrepancies in F&B costs.
12. Design and implement a culture of **cost consciousness** and accountability throughout the F&B team.
13. Position themselves as strategic leaders capable of driving superior **F&B profitability**.

Target Audience

This course is ideal for experienced food and beverage professionals and financial controllers seeking to master advanced cost control:

1. **Food and Beverage Directors/Managers:** Responsible for overall F&B profitability.
2. **Executive Chefs and Sous Chefs:** Involved in menu costing, production, and waste management.
3. **Restaurant Owners and General Managers:** Seeking to optimize F&B financial performance.
4. **Hotel Finance Controllers and Analysts:** Focusing on F&B departmental profitability.
5. **Purchasing Managers (Hospitality):** Seeking to enhance cost-effective procurement.
6. **Cost Controllers/Auditors:** Specializing in F&B operations.
7. **Hospitality Consultants:** Advising clients on F&B financial management.
8. **Senior Culinary or Hospitality Management Students:** Specializing in F&B finance.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Strategic Role of F&B Cost Control

- The Impact of F&B Costs on Overall Hotel/Restaurant Profitability.
- Understanding F&B Cost Ratios: Food Cost %, Beverage Cost %, Labor Cost %.
- The Importance of a Proactive and Integrated Approach to Cost Control.
- Aligning F&B Cost Control with Business Objectives and Market Positioning.
- Key Drivers of F&B Expenses and Revenue Streams.

Module 2: Advanced Menu Engineering and Pricing Strategies

- In-depth Analysis of Menu Engineering Matrix: Stars, Plow Horses, Puzzles, Dogs.
- Utilizing Sales Mix and Contribution Margin for Menu Optimization.
- Advanced Pricing Strategies: Cost-Plus, Perceived Value, Competitive, Psychological.
- Menu Design and Layout to Influence Guest Choices and Profitability.
- Strategies for Upselling and Cross-selling F&B Items.

Module 3: Sophisticated Purchasing and Receiving Protocols

- Centralized vs. Decentralized Purchasing Models.
- Developing Strategic Supplier Relationships and Vendor Management.
- Negotiation Techniques for F&B Products and Services.
- Implementing Robust Receiving Procedures: Quality Checks, Quantity Verification, Pricing Accuracy.
- Managing Purchase Specifications and Quality Standards.

Module 4: Comprehensive Inventory Control Systems

- Advanced Inventory Methods: FIFO, LIFO, Weighted Average, Perpetual vs. Physical.
- Establishing Optimal Par Levels and Reorder Points.
- Minimizing Waste, Spoilage, and Obsolescence.
- Implementing Security Measures to Prevent Theft and Pilferage.
- Utilizing Barcoding and RFID for Efficient Inventory Tracking.

Module 5: Standard Recipe Costing and Portion Control

- Developing Accurate **Standard Recipes** with Detailed Ingredient Lists and Yields.
- Calculating True Cost Per Portion for Every Menu Item.

- Implementing Strict **Portion Control Measures** in Production and Service.
- Strategies for Managing Food Waste During Preparation and Service.
- Analyzing Recipe Variance and Addressing Discrepancies.

Module 6: Labor Cost Control and Productivity Management

- Understanding Labor Cost Components: Wages, Benefits, Overtime.
- Strategic Staff Scheduling for Peak and Off-Peak Periods.
- Measuring Employee Productivity and Efficiency in F&B Operations.
- Cross-Training and Multiskilling for Optimized Labor Utilization.
- Impact of Technology on Labor Efficiency (e.g., POS, Kitchen Display Systems).

Module 7: F&B Financial Statement Analysis and KPIs

- Detailed Review of F&B Profit and Loss (P&L) Statements.
- Analyzing Key Financial Ratios: Break-even Point, Sales Per Seat, Turnover.
- Interpreting Departmental Budgets and Performance Reports.
- Conducting Variance Analysis: Actual vs. Budget, Prior Period, Trend Analysis.
- Utilizing **F&B KPIs** for Performance Monitoring and Strategic Adjustments.

Module 8: Internal Controls and Loss Prevention

- Designing and Implementing Robust Internal Control Systems for F&B.
- Preventing and Detecting Theft and Fraud in Cash, Inventory, and Revenue.
- Cash Handling Procedures and Daily Reconciliation.
- Security Measures for Storage Areas, POS Terminals, and Deliveries.
- Audit Trails and Accountability in F&B Operations.

Module 9: F&B Technology for Cost Control

- Leveraging **Point-of-Sale (POS) Systems** for Sales Data and Inventory Depletion.
- Utilizing **F&B Inventory Management Software** for Purchasing, Receiving, and Tracking.
- Applications of Kitchen Display Systems (KDS) and Food Waste Trackers.
- Integrating F&B Systems with the Hotel PMS for Holistic Financial Oversight.
- Data Analytics Tools for Identifying Cost-Saving Opportunities.

Module 10: Waste Reduction and Sustainability in F&B

- Comprehensive Waste Audits and Identifying Sources of Waste.
- Implementing Waste Reduction Strategies: Source Reduction, Repurposing, Composting.
- Sustainable Sourcing and Reducing Food Miles.
- Managing Leftover Food and Minimizing Spoilage.
- The Business Case for Sustainable F&B Practices (Cost Savings, Brand Image).

Module 11: Beverage Cost Control and Profitability

- Specific Challenges of Beverage Cost Control (Pouring Costs, Spoilage, Theft).
- Inventory Management for Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages.
- Bar Controls: Portioning, Dispensing Systems, Sales Tracking.
- Pricing Strategies for Beverages: Drink Cost %, Contribution Margin.
- Legal and Regulatory Compliance for Beverage Service.

Module 12: Building a Culture of Cost Consciousness

- Training and Educating All F&B Staff on Cost Control Principles.
- Encouraging Employee Accountability and Participation in Waste Reduction.
- Implementing Incentive Programs for Cost-Saving Initiatives.
- Effective Communication of Financial Goals and Performance.
- Fostering a Proactive Mindset Towards Profit Optimization.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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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

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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