Training course on Hotel Property Management Systems (PMS)

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 fundamental role and strategic importance of a **Hotel Property Management System (PMS)** in modern hotel operations.
2. Master the core functionalities of PMS for efficient **reservation management** and inventory control.
3. Execute seamless **front desk operations**, including guest check-in, check-out, and room assignments, using the PMS.
4. Perform accurate **guest accounting, billing, and payment processing** within the PMS environment.
5. Leverage PMS capabilities for effective **housekeeping management** and room status updates.
6. Understand how the PMS integrates with **revenue management systems** to optimize pricing and maximize RevPAR.
7. Utilize the PMS for comprehensive **guest relationship management (CRM)** and personalized service delivery.
8. Explore the various **third-party integrations** of the PMS (e.g., POS, Channel Manager, Door Locks).
9. Generate and interpret various **PMS reports and analytics** for informed operational and strategic decision-making.
10. Identify the benefits and considerations of **cloud-based PMS solutions** vs. on-premise systems.

11. Develop strategies for **data security and privacy compliance** within the PMS.
12. Troubleshoot common PMS issues and understand basic system maintenance.
13. Position themselves as proficient users and strategic contributors in a technology-driven hotel environment.

Target Audience

This course is designed for a wide range of hospitality professionals who interact with or manage a hotel's Property Management System:

1. **Front Desk Agents/Associates:** Daily users of the PMS for guest services.
2. **Front Office Supervisors and Managers:** Overseeing PMS operations and staff training.
3. **Reservations Agents and Managers:** Managing room inventory and bookings within the PMS.
4. **Housekeeping Supervisors and Managers:** Utilizing PMS for room status and task assignments.
5. **Night Auditors:** Performing end-of-day processes and financial reconciliation on the PMS.
6. **Revenue Managers:** Relying on PMS data for pricing strategies and demand forecasting.
7. **Sales and Marketing Professionals:** Accessing guest history and preferences from the PMS.
8. **Hotel General Managers and Assistant Managers:** Seeking to optimize overall PMS utilization and performance.

Course Duration: 10 Days

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Hotel Property Management Systems (PMS)

- Defining PMS: The Central Hub of Hotel Operations.
- Historical Evolution of PMS and Current Trends.
- Key Benefits of a PMS: Efficiency, Guest Satisfaction, Revenue.
- Overview of Core PMS Modules and Functionalities.
- Understanding the Role of PMS in the Overall Hotel Technology Ecosystem.

Module 2: User Interface and System Navigation

- Familiarization with a Standard PMS User Interface.
- Navigating Key Menus, Dashboards, and Workspaces.
- Understanding User Roles and Access Levels.
- Customizing the PMS Interface for Individual Preferences (if applicable).
- Best Practices for Efficient System Interaction and Data Entry.

Module 3: Reservation Management and Inventory Control

- Creating and Modifying Individual and Group Reservations.
- Managing Room Availability and Inventory Across Different Room Types.
- Handling Special Requests, Preferences, and Guest Profiles in Reservations.
- Processing Cancellations, No-Shows, and Waitlists.
- Understanding Rate Codes, Packages, and Promotions within the PMS.

Module 4: Front Desk Operations: Check-in and Room Assignment

- Performing Pre-Arrival Checks and Preparing for Guest Arrivals.
- The Efficient Guest Check-in Process: Step-by-Step Walkthrough.

- Understanding and Managing Room Status (Vacant, Occupied, Clean, Dirty).
- Strategic Room Assignment Based on Preferences, Loyalty, and Housekeeping Status.
- Handling Walk-ins, Late Arrivals, and Early Check-ins.

Module 5: Front Desk Operations: In-Stay and Check-out

- Managing In-Stay Guest Services: Posting Charges, Guest Requests, Message Handling.
- Handling Room Moves and Guest History Updates.
- The Seamless Guest Check-out Process: Completing the Stay.
- Processing Payments, Generating Invoices, and Resolving Billing Disputes.
- Express Check-out Options and Post-Departure Procedures.

Module 6: Guest Accounting and Financial Management

- Understanding Guest Folios, Master Accounts, and City Ledgers.
- Posting Charges from Various Hotel Outlets (POS integration).
- Managing Credit Limits, Direct Billing, and Accounts Receivable.
- Processing Different Payment Types: Cash, Credit Cards, Mobile Payments.
- Introduction to the **Night Audit** Process and Daily Financial Reconciliation.

Module 7: Housekeeping and Maintenance Management Integration

- Utilizing PMS to Track Room Status and Housekeeping Assignments.
- Generating Housekeeping Reports and Task Lists.
- Communicating Special Cleaning Requests and Maintenance Needs via PMS.
- Integrating PMS with Maintenance Management Systems for Work Orders.
- Optimizing Room Turnover and Guest Ready Status through PMS.

Module 8: Revenue Management and Channel Management Integration

- How PMS Data Feeds into **Revenue Management Systems (RMS)**.
- Understanding Dynamic Pricing and Yield Management Concepts within PMS.
- Managing Rates and Availability Across Multiple Distribution Channels (OTAs, GDS) via **Channel Manager Integration**.
- Monitoring Pick-up, Pace, and Occupancy Reports for Revenue Optimization.
- Strategies for Maximizing RevPAR and ADR through PMS Insights.

Module 9: Guest Relationship Management (CRM) and Data Analytics

- Building and Maintaining Rich Guest Profiles within the PMS.
- Tracking Guest Preferences, Service History, and Loyalty Program Status.
- Leveraging PMS Data for Personalized Guest Communication and Marketing.
- Generating PMS Reports for Guest Segmentation and Behavioral Analysis.
- Understanding the Importance of Guest Data for Future Stays and Marketing Campaigns.

Module 10: PMS Reporting and Business Intelligence

- Generating Standard PMS Reports: Occupancy, Revenue, Reservations, Housekeeping.
- Customizing Reports for Specific Management Needs.
- Interpreting Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) from PMS Data.
- Using PMS Analytics for Forecasting, Budgeting, and Strategic Decision-Making.
- Introduction to Business Intelligence (BI) Dashboards and Advanced Reporting Tools.

Module 11: PMS Implementation, Integration, and System Management

- Understanding the PMS Implementation Process and Key Considerations.
- Integrating PMS with Other Hotel Systems (POS, Door Locks, Call Accounting, CRS).
- Data Migration Strategies from Legacy Systems.
- Basic PMS System Administration: User Management, Permissions, Database Backup.
- Troubleshooting Common PMS Issues and System Support.

Module 12: Cloud-Based PMS, Security, and Future Trends

- Benefits and Drawbacks of **Cloud-Based PMS Solutions**.
- Data Security and Privacy Compliance (e.g., PCI DSS, GDPR) within the PMS.
- Mobile PMS Access and Remote Management Capabilities.
- Emerging Technologies Impacting PMS: AI, IoT, Contactless Guest Journeys.
- The Future of PMS: Centralized Platforms, Personalization, and Predictive Capabilities.

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
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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