Training course on Impact Evaluation Methods

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Training Course on **Impact Evaluation Methods** is essential for professionals seeking to assess the effectiveness of policies, programs, and interventions in various sectors, including health, education, and economic development. This course equips participants with rigorous methodologies to evaluate causal impacts, ensuring that decision-makers can rely on data-driven insights. By blending theoretical frameworks with practical applications, attendees will learn how to design, implement, and analyze evaluations effectively, thereby enhancing the quality of evidence used in policy formulation and program improvement.

Understanding impact evaluation is vital in today's data-driven environment, where organizations strive to maximize their resources and improve outcomes. This course emphasizes various methodologies, including randomized controlled trials (RCTs), quasi-experimental designs, and mixed-methods approaches, enabling participants to choose the most appropriate evaluation strategies. With a focus on real-world applications, this training prepares professionals to tackle complex evaluation challenges, communicate findings to stakeholders, and contribute to evidence-based decision-making in their respective fields.

Course Objectives

1. Understand foundational concepts of impact evaluation.
2. Master design and methodology for effective evaluations.
3. Analyze data to assess policy and program effectiveness.
4. Conduct randomized controlled trials (RCTs) for robust evaluations.
5. Implement quasi-experimental designs to mitigate bias.
6. Address endogeneity and selection bias in evaluations.
7. Utilize mixed-methods approaches for comprehensive insights.
8. Communicate evaluation findings effectively to stakeholders.
9. Explore best practices for data management in evaluations.
10. Evaluate robustness and validity of impact evaluation results.
11. Apply impact evaluation methods to real-world scenarios.

12. Utilize software tools for impact evaluation analysis.
13. Develop critical thinking skills in interpreting evaluation results.

Target Audience

1. Economists
2. Policy analysts
3. Researchers
4. Graduate students in economics and public policy
5. Program managers in NGOs
6. Development practitioners
7. Statisticians
8. Government officials

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Impact Evaluation

- Overview of impact evaluation concepts and terminology.
- Importance of impact evaluation in policy assessment.
- Differences between impact evaluation and other evaluation methods.
- Key frameworks used in impact evaluation.
- Ethical considerations in conducting evaluations.

Module 2: Study Design and Methodology

- Designing effective impact evaluations.
- Understanding control groups and treatment groups.
- Selecting appropriate evaluation designs for specific contexts.
- Assessing feasibility and cost-effectiveness of designs.
- Developing evaluation frameworks and logic models.

Module 3: Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs)

- Conducting RCTs: principles and best practices.
- Randomization techniques and their importance.
- Analyzing RCT data and interpreting results.
- Case studies showcasing successful RCT applications.
- Challenges and limitations of RCTs.

Module 4: Quasi-Experimental Designs

- Overview of quasi-experimental methods.
- Implementing techniques like difference-in-differences.
- Matching methods to create comparable groups.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of quasi-experimental approaches.
- Case studies illustrating quasi-experimental evaluations.

Module 5: Addressing Endogeneity and Selection Bias

- Identifying sources of endogeneity in evaluations.
- Techniques for addressing selection bias.
- Understanding instrumental variables and their applications.
- Evaluating the implications of bias on results.
- Case studies on correcting endogeneity.

Module 6: Mixed-Methods Approaches

- Combining quantitative and qualitative methods in evaluations.
- Enhancing insights through mixed-methods.
- Designing studies that integrate both approaches.
- Case studies highlighting successful mixed-methods evaluations.
- Best practices for data triangulation.

Module 7: Data Management and Preparation

- Collecting and cleaning data for impact evaluations.
- Understanding data types and structures.
- Techniques for managing and organizing evaluation data.
- Best practices for ensuring data quality.
- Preparing datasets for analysis.

Module 8: Communicating Evaluation Findings

- Best practices for presenting results to stakeholders.
- Tailoring communication for different audiences.
- Writing clear and concise evaluation reports.
- Visualizing data effectively for presentations.
- Engaging stakeholders in the evaluation process.

Module 9: Evaluating Robustness and Validity

- Techniques for assessing robustness of results.
- Understanding validity threats in impact evaluations.
- Conducting sensitivity analyses.
- Evaluating the generalizability of findings.
- Case studies on robustness assessments.

Module 10: Software Tools for Impact Evaluation

- Overview of software tools for analysis (R, Stata, SPSS).
- Hands-on exercises using software for evaluation.
- Importing and managing data in analysis tools.
- Implementing statistical techniques for evaluations.
- Best practices for using software in evaluations.

Module 11: Real-World Applications of Impact Evaluation

- Applying methods to real-world issues.
- Conducting comprehensive analyses of chosen cases.
- Preparing presentations of findings and recommendations.
- Collaborating on projects to evaluate programs.
- Feedback sessions to refine evaluation approaches.

Module 12: Challenges in Impact Evaluation

- Common pitfalls and challenges in evaluations.
- Addressing ethical considerations and data privacy issues.
- Navigating data quality and access challenges.
- Strategies for overcoming evaluation obstacles.
- Discussion on future trends in impact evaluation.

Training Methodology

- Interactive Workshops: Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- Case Studies: Real-world examples to illustrate successful applications in development economics.
- Role-Playing and Simulations: Practice applying econometric methodologies.
- Expert Presentations: Insights from experienced development economists and practitioners.
- Group Projects: Collaborative development of econometric analysis plans.
- Action Planning: Development of personalized action plans for implementing econometric techniques.
- Digital Tools and Resources: Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- Peer-to-Peer Learning: Sharing experiences and insights on development applications.
- Post-Training Support: Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

Registration and Certification

- **Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount.**
- Send us an email: info@fineskilltrainingcenter.org or call +254769199797.
- 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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