Vendor-Managed Inventory Basics 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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The course emphasizes hands-on learning and real-world case studies to reinforce key concepts and enhance strategic decision-making capabilities. By integrating the latest inventory management technologies, performance metrics, and collaborative frameworks, participants will develop the skills necessary to implement VMI solutions effectively within their organizations. This comprehensive program is designed for supply chain professionals, procurement specialists, inventory planners, and anyone seeking to elevate operational performance and achieve measurable business outcomes.

Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the core principles and benefits of Vendor-Managed Inventory.
2. Analyze demand patterns for optimized inventory replenishment.
3. Implement effective inventory tracking and reporting mechanisms.
4. Enhance supplier collaboration and communication strategies.
5. Apply real-world VMI tools and software for inventory optimization.
6. Reduce stockouts and improve order fulfillment rates.
7. Minimize inventory holding costs through data-driven decisions.
8. Evaluate key performance indicators for supply chain efficiency.
9. Design VMI programs tailored to organizational needs.
10. Integrate automated systems for real-time inventory management.
11. Develop risk management strategies for supply chain disruptions.
12. Explore legal and contractual considerations in VMI agreements.
13. Conduct effective case studies to benchmark industry best practices.

Organizational Benefits

1. Improved inventory accuracy and visibility.
2. Reduced operational costs and waste.
3. Strengthened supplier relationships and collaboration.
4. Enhanced customer satisfaction through timely fulfillment.
5. Streamlined inventory replenishment processes.
6. Optimized warehouse space utilization.
7. Data-driven decision-making capabilities.
8. Increased supply chain agility and responsiveness.
9. Lowered risk of stockouts and overstocking.
10. Standardized reporting and performance tracking.

Target Audiences

1. Supply chain managers and analysts.
2. Inventory control and warehouse personnel.
3. Procurement officers and buyers.
4. Retail managers overseeing stock management.
5. Logistics and operations coordinators.

6. Business process improvement specialists.
7. IT professionals implementing inventory software.
8. Consultants and advisors in supply chain optimization.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Vendor-Managed Inventory

- Overview of VMI concepts and definitions
- Historical evolution and industry trends
- Benefits and challenges of VMI implementation
- Roles and responsibilities in a VMI program
- Key success factors for effective VMI
- Case Study: VMI implementation at a global retailer

Module 2: Demand Forecasting for VMI

- Understanding demand patterns and variability
- Forecasting methods for inventory replenishment
- Tools and software for predictive analysis
- Aligning forecasts with supplier schedules
- Managing seasonal and promotional demand fluctuations
- Case Study: Forecasting optimization in FMCG industry

Module 3: Inventory Tracking and Reporting

- Techniques for real-time inventory monitoring
- Key performance indicators for inventory health
- Data visualization and reporting dashboards
- Cycle counting and stock audit methods
- Integrating ERP systems with VMI solutions
- Case Study: Inventory tracking improvement in manufacturing

Module 4: Supplier Collaboration and Communication

- Building strong supplier relationships
- Negotiating VMI agreements and contracts
- Establishing communication protocols
- Performance evaluation and scorecards
- Collaborative problem-solving approaches
- Case Study: Supplier partnership success in electronics sector

Module 5: Replenishment Strategies

- Reorder point and safety stock calculations
- Automated replenishment techniques
- Multi-location inventory coordination
- Handling emergency and rush orders
- Cost-effective stock management methods
- Case Study: Replenishment strategy optimization in retail

Module 6: Technology in VMI

- Overview of inventory management software
- Automation and digital tools for VMI
- Integrating IoT and RFID tracking systems
- Data accuracy and system synchronization
- Security and privacy considerations
- Case Study: Technology adoption in distribution networks

Module 7: Performance Measurement

- Metrics for evaluating VMI effectiveness
- KPI selection and benchmarking
- Continuous improvement processes
- Reporting and accountability frameworks
- Data-driven decision making
- Case Study: Performance assessment in logistics operations

Module 8: Risk Management and Compliance

- Identifying potential supply chain risks
- Legal and contractual considerations in VMI
- Contingency planning and disruption mitigation
- Regulatory compliance and audits
- Strategies for mitigating operational risks
- Case Study: Risk management in pharmaceutical supply chain

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and expert-led presentations
- Real-life case studies for practical application
- Group discussions and collaborative exercises

- Hands-on simulations using inventory software
- Scenario-based problem solving and workshops
- Continuous assessment and feedback sessions

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

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
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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