

# ANALYTICAL AND AUDITING SKILLS PRACTICES



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## OVERALL DESCRIPTION:

This course elevates analytical skills from a technical function to a strategic competency, empowering professionals to drive smarter, more informed decisions while proactively managing risk. We'll move beyond theory to hands-on, practical applications, equipping you with the essential tools and techniques to navigate the complexities of data, fortify financial controls, and confidently lead audit processes that add genuine business value. This program is a critical investment in your ability to become a trusted advisor and a catalyst for organizational excellence.

## Course Objectives:

**Upon completion of this course, participants will have the knowledge and skills to:**

- **Apply** a systematic approach to data gathering and quality assessment for enhanced reliability.
- **Utilize** advanced analytical techniques to interpret business data and identify key trends and anomalies.
- **Execute** a comprehensive audit cycle, from planning and fieldwork to reporting and follow-up.
- **Implement** risk-based auditing methodologies to pinpoint and mitigate potential vulnerabilities.
- **Leverage** technology and modern tools to automate analytical tasks and improve auditing efficiency.
- **Produce** clear, actionable audit reports that directly inform and influence strategic decision-making.

## Course Outline:

- **The Foundation of Strategic Analysis:** Understanding data sources, data integrity, and translating business questions into analytical frameworks.
- **Core Auditing Principles:** The modern audit cycle, internal controls, and the shift from compliance to value-added assurance.

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- **Data-Driven Auditing Techniques:** Utilizing data mining, sampling methods, and continuous auditing for real-time insights.
- **Tools and Technology:** An overview of software and analytical platforms used for efficient data analysis and audit management.
- **Communicating Findings with Impact:** Crafting persuasive reports, presenting complex data to stakeholders, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement.
- **Practical Application:** A deep-dive case study where participants will perform a full-scale analysis and audit of a real-world business scenario.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is ideally suited for a wide range of professionals, including:

- **Internal and External Auditors** seeking to modernize their skills.
- **Financial and Business Analysts** who want to deepen their understanding of risk and controls.
- **Compliance and Governance Officers** responsible for ensuring regulatory adherence.
- **Risk Management Professionals** looking to integrate data analytics into their strategies.
- **Managers and Team Leaders** who need to make data-informed decisions and oversee audit processes.

## Course Methodology:

We utilize a variety of proven adult learning techniques to ensure maximum understanding, comprehension and retention of the information presented. This training course will be conducted as a highly interactive workshop session. A variety of training methodologies will be used Before and during the course whenever applicable. Some of these methods are gamification, online pre-post test, role plays, self-assessment instruments, group exercises & case studies.