



Effective Internal Auditing



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Introduction:

With businesses under closer scrutiny, it's more important than ever that your company's internal auditing meets standards requirements. This course will help you ensure that your company's internal auditing systems fully comply with these standards. More than that, however, this course goes beyond the boundaries of accounting to provide real insight into the managerial, political, and technical dynamics of internal auditing.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this course the participants will be able to:

- Define internal auditing and internal control
- Identify "high-risk" processes and build control systems that mitigate the risk
- Develop control-based internal auditing recommendations that truly help management meet tactical and strategic objectives
- Focus on the Investment in Internal Audit
- Document and Evaluate Internal Control Systems
- Audit Evidence and Audit Sampling

Targeted Audience:

- Quality Assurance Staff
- Internal Audit Managers
- Senior Internal Auditors
- Persons who want to gain new skills to improve their career

Course Outlines:

Unit 1: Internal Auditing and the International Business Environment:

- Define Internal Auditing
- Identify the Components of an Effective Internal Audit Function
- Define Management Responsibilities of an Internal Audit Function
- Discuss the Similarities and Differences Between Internal Auditing and External Auditing
- Define the Various Types of Internal Audits

Unit 2: The Road Map to Effective Internal Audits:

- Discuss the Principles of Effective Audits
- Define Alpha and Beta Audit Risk
- Perform Compliance, Substantive, and Operational Tests
- Calculate Audit Risk
- Define the Relationship Between the Internal and Control Environment and Audit Testing

Unit 3: Focusing the Investment in Internal Audit:

- Relate the Concept of Internal Audit Strategies to the Audit Planning Process
- Develop a Long-Term Audit Plan for the Internal Audit Department Using Internal Control-Based Risk Assessment
- Design the Audit Plan and Prepare an Audit Planning Memorandum for an Individual Internal Audit Project Assignment

Unit 4: Documenting and Evaluating Internal Control Systems:

- Understand the Work Process
- Document the Work Process
- Develop Process Flow Diagrams and Process Maps
- Complete the Audit Internal Controls Documentation Matrix
- Finalize the Audit Objectives

Unit 5: Audit Evidence and Audit Sampling:

- Discuss the Basic Concepts of Audit Evidence, and Their Impact on the Development of Audit Work papers
- Document Analytical Reviews
- Test and Gather Audit Evidence
- Complete and Document Compliance and Substantive Tests
- Select the Appropriate Testing Method
- Discuss Statistical Sampling Techniques
- Determine the Objectives of the Sampling Plan
- Develop the Sampling Plan
- Apply Attribute Sampling Techniques
- Extrapolate the Sample Results
- Ensure That Audit Work papers Support Audit Conclusions and Recommendations

Unit 6: Planning and Conducting Successful Audit Interviews:

- Plan Interviews
- Discuss a Framework for Planning, Conducting and Evaluating the Results of Interviews
- Overcome Resistance
- Manage Conflict with Management
- Listen Effectively
- Talk Effectively in a Non-Threatening Environment
- Get to "Yes"
- Understand the Nature of Confidentiality of Information