

Sustainability Facility Professional

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Introduction

The Sustainability Facility Professional™ SFP® credential, developed by the International Facility Management Association IFMA, is a globally recognized certification that empowers facility professionals to lead sustainability efforts within the built environment.

This immersive 5-day course is designed to equip participants with the knowledge, tools, and strategies needed to enhance facility performance, reduce environmental impact, and align sustainability initiatives with organizational objectives.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the importance of sustainability in facility management.
- Assess and improve energy, water, and waste systems.
- Align sustainability strategies with broader business goals.
- Develop long-term sustainable policies and practices.
- Prepare effectively for the official SFP® credential exam.

Course Outlines

Day 1: Introduction to Sustainability in Facility Management

- The business value of sustainability.
- The triple bottom line: people, planet, profit.
- The facility manager's role in driving sustainable operations.
- Regulatory frameworks and compliance requirements.
- Current trends in sustainable facility management.

Day 2: Managing Sustainable Facilities - Part I

- Fundamentals of energy management.
- Efficiency in HVAC and lighting systems.
- Exploring renewable energy solutions.
- Conducting energy benchmarking and audits.
- Identifying cost-saving operational improvements.

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Day 3: Managing Sustainable Facilities - Part II

- Strategies for water conservation.
- Enhancing indoor environmental quality IEQ.
- Green cleaning and maintenance practices.
- Effective waste management and recycling programs.
- Sustainable procurement and materials selection.

Day 4: Implementing Sustainability Plans

- Conducting sustainability assessments.
- Setting goals, metrics, and key performance indicators KPIs.
- Developing actionable sustainability plans.
- Financial analysis and budgeting for sustainability.
- Communicating and promoting sustainability initiatives.

Day 5: Integration and Exam Preparation

- Integrating sustainability across FM operations.
- Case studies and global best practices.
- Engaging stakeholders and managing change.
- SFP® exam overview and key preparation strategies.
- Practice questions and a mock exam session.

Why Attend This Course? Wins & Losses!

- Earn a globally recognized credential in sustainability.
- Enhance your professional value and facility management expertise.
- Reduce operational costs through resource-efficient practices.
- Strengthen your organization's compliance and sustainability profile.
- Lead meaningful change toward a more sustainable future.

Conclusion

Sustainability is no longer optional — it's a critical business imperative. Organizations are increasingly expected to minimize their environmental footprint, meet regulatory demands, and demonstrate responsible resource management.

The SFP® credential empowers facility professionals to rise to this challenge. Through this intensive training, you will gain practical insights and skills in energy and water efficiency, waste reduction, sustainable sourcing, and stakeholder engagement — all within the facility management framework. More than just knowledge, this course provides the tools to make a measurable impact on your organization's sustainability journey.

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