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Introduction

The International Professional Practices Framework IPPF serves as the global foundation for the internal audit profession. It establishes the guiding principles, mandatory standards, and recommended practices that ensure consistency, transparency, and quality in internal auditing worldwide.

This course provides participants with a deep understanding of the IPPF, its components, and its role in enhancing the professionalism and credibility of internal audit functions.

Through a combination of theory, real-world examples, and case studies, participants will learn how to apply the IPPF in their daily work to strengthen governance, improve risk management, and ensure effective control environments.

By the end of the program, participants will have the practical knowledge needed to align their internal audit activities with global best practices and contribute to sustainable organizational success.

Course Objectives

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

- Understand the structure and purpose of the International Professional Practices Framework IPPF.
- Apply international auditing standards and ethical principles in all phases of internal audit work.
- Analyze the relationship between governance, risk management, and control within the IPPF context.
- Implement the Code of Ethics and core principles of the internal audit profession.
- Assess and improve internal control systems using the IPPF standards.
- Design and execute audit engagements aligned with international professional practices.
- Develop quality assurance and continuous improvement mechanisms within audit functions.
- Strengthen the strategic role of internal auditing in achieving organizational objectives.



Course Outlines

Day 1: Introduction to the International Professional Practices Framework IPPF

- Overview of the IPPF: purpose, scope, and evolution.
- Importance of standardization and consistency in internal auditing.
- Components of the IPPF: Core Principles, Code of Ethics, Standards, and Guidance.
- How the IPPF supports governance and accountability.
- The role of the internal auditor within the framework.
- Case study: Applying IPPF principles in an organizational context.

Day 2: Core Principles and the Code of Ethics

- Understanding the Core Principles of Internal Auditing.
- Ethical values: integrity, objectivity, confidentiality, and competency.
- Building trust and transparency through ethical behavior.
- Managing conflicts of interest and ensuring independence.
- Real-life examples of ethical challenges in auditing.
- Workshop: Evaluating ethical decision-making scenarios.

Day 3: The International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing

- Attribute Standards: competence, independence, and organizational positioning.
- Performance Standards: planning, execution, communication, and reporting.
- Implementation Standards: applying the Standards in daily audit work.
- Evaluating compliance with internal audit standards.
- Documentation and evidence requirements under IPPF.
- Practical exercise: Conducting an internal audit following IPPF standards.

Day 4: Guidance, Best Practices, and Quality Assurance

- Distinction between mandatory and recommended guidance.
- How to develop internal audit manuals and procedures based on the IPPF.
- Quality assurance and continuous improvement in audit activities.
- Tools and techniques for assessing audit performance.
- Self-assessment and external validation processes.
- Case study: Designing an internal audit quality improvement plan.



Day 5: Integration of IPPF with Governance and Risk Management

- Aligning internal audit activities with organizational governance structures.
- The internal auditor's role in supporting risk-based decision-making.
- Using the IPPF to enhance transparency and accountability.
- Linking internal audit performance with strategic objectives.
- Practical insights: Implementing IPPF in complex business environments.
- Group discussion: Sustaining compliance and professional excellence.

Why Attend this Course: Wins & Losses!

- Gain comprehensive knowledge of the International Professional Practices Framework IPPF.
- Strengthen the ability to apply international standards in real audit environments.
- Enhance audit quality and ensure alignment with global best practices.
- Improve understanding of ethical leadership and professional accountability.
- Boost credibility and recognition as a skilled internal auditor.
- Develop risk-based audit strategies using IPPF guidance.
- Gain insights into global trends and professional updates in auditing.
- Prepare for advanced professional certifications in internal audit.

Conclusion

The International Professional Practices Framework IPPF is the cornerstone of the internal auditing profession, defining excellence, ethics, and quality in practice.This course enables participants to master the IPPF's principles and apply them effectively within their organizations.

By integrating its standards into daily operations, auditors can promote transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement.Adopting the IPPF is not merely a professional requirement — it represents a commitment to integrity, global consistency, and the pursuit of audit excellence that drives long-term organizational success.

