

Advanced Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting

In today's world, finance professionals are challenged by providing management a detailed analysis of the impact of the organization's financial decisions. Therefore, finance professionals need to be skilled at reading through the numbers on the financial statements, analyzing the figures, interpreting the various ratios, and presenting this analysis in a dynamic manner. This course takes you from the first step of understanding the relationships between the different elements of financial statements, through the process of calculating and analyzing the financial ratios, to the last step of presenting recommendations. While applying Excel tools and techniques, various real-life examples of published financial statements will be used throughout the course.





Who should attend

Advanced Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting Workshop course is ideal for:

Finance Team

New and experienced Business Executives

Senior and Middle Managers.

Project managers.

All line managers.

All individuals who want to become better at Budgeting.

HR Managers



Day 1

Required components of financial statement analysis

- Role of financial reporting and analysis
- Objectives of financial statements audit
- Types of audits
- The financial statement analysis framework
- The accounting cycle



Day 2

Financial reporting standards

- Importance of reporting standards
- The standards-setting bodies
- Financial reporting mechanics
- International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
- Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)



Day 3

An inside look at financial statements

- Income statement components
- Revenue and expense recognition
- Balance sheet components
- Statement of changes in owners equity
- Cash flow statement



Day 4

Mechanisms of financial analysis techniques

- Vertical analysis and strategy
- Horizontal, trend analysis and growth
- Liquidity analysis, Solvency analysis
- Asset management and activity ratios
- Profitability analysis, DuPont analysis
- Limitation of ratio analysis



Day 5

Boosting efficiency in your department

- The 10 must-have Excel tips
- Working with text files
- Looking up records from a database
- Reconciliations and accounts analysis using pivot tables
- Creating management reports and dashboards