



Modern Internal Audit Practices and Digital Assurance Training Course

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Overview

Modern Internal Audit Practices and Digital Assurance Training Course is a five-day advanced course for internal auditors, audit supervisors, assurance professionals, risk and compliance specialists, and managers who leave with a Modern Internal Audit Engagement Playbook. The course connects risk-based internal audit planning, governance and control evaluation, agile audit delivery, data-enabled audit fieldwork, evidence, findings, stakeholder communication, quality assurance, and corrective action follow-up. Agile Leaders Training Center delivers this course on modern internal audit practices and digital assurance.

Who Should Attend

- Internal audit functions responsible for risk-based plans and assurance engagements
- Audit supervision functions responsible for scope, evidence, quality, and review
- Risk and compliance functions responsible for governance and control evaluation
- Assurance functions responsible for data analysis and defensible conclusions
- Management functions responsible for modernizing audit methods and stakeholder reporting

The course assumes participants already plan or perform assurance work and leaves out entry-level audit concepts, external audit procedures, and certification examination preparation.

Departments and Industries

The course supports modern assurance work across regulated, service, and operational organizations.

- Internal audit, enterprise risk, compliance, and governance departments
- Finance, operations, information technology, and data functions
- Banking, insurance, professional services, and telecommunications organizations
- Manufacturing, energy, logistics, and construction organizations
- Healthcare, education, hospitality, and public service organizations

Learning Objectives

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

- Analyze enterprise objectives and prioritize engagement risks
- Build risk-informed objectives, scope, and work programs
- Apply agile methods to audit delivery and stakeholder coordination
- Use data analytics to design tests and evaluate evidence
- Evaluate controls, findings, conclusions, and action plans

- Build a quality review and corrective action follow-up approach

Course Agenda

Day 1: Audit Mandate and Risk Alignment

- Global Internal Audit Standards Principles Map
- Enterprise Objective and Risk Universe Matrix
- Governance Risk and Control Evaluation Model
- Assurance Mapping and Coverage Gap Tool
- Risk-Based Engagement Prioritization Scorecard

Day 2: Engagement Planning and Agile Delivery

- Engagement Risk Assessment Method
- Objective Scope and Criteria Design Canvas
- Risk and Control Matrix Development
- Agile Audit Backlog and Kanban Board
- Audit Sprint Review and Stakeholder Cadence

Day 3: Data-Enabled Fieldwork and Evidence

- Audit Data Governance Readiness Checklist
- Full-Population Analytics Test Design
- Exception Pattern and Outlier Analysis
- Evidence Sufficiency and Reliability Matrix
- Digital Workpaper and Review Trail Protocol

Day 4: Findings Communication and Quality

- Condition Criteria Cause and Effect Framework
- Issue Rating and Root Cause Analysis Method
- Stakeholder Validation and Challenge Log
- Executive Audit Communication Structure
- Quality Assurance and Follow-Up Dashboard

Day 5: Modern Audit Engagement Practice

- Suggested Exercise: Risk Universe and Priority Assessment
- Suggested Exercise: Agile Engagement Planning Simulation
- Suggested Exercise: Data Exception and Evidence Evaluation
- Suggested Exercise: Finding Communication and Action Review
- Capstone Exercise: Modern Internal Audit Engagement Playbook



Practical Exercises

The course includes suggested activities that integrate risk, agility, analytics, evidence, communication, and quality into one engagement approach.

- Suggested activity: prioritize engagements from strategy, risk, and assurance coverage evidence.
- Suggested activity: build an agile backlog, work program, and stakeholder review cadence.
- Suggested activity: analyze transaction exceptions and document evidence-based conclusions.
- Suggested activity: present a Modern Internal Audit Engagement Playbook with findings, actions, and follow-up controls.

FAQs

Who suits modern internal audit practices training and what does it assume?

Experienced auditors, assurance professionals, risk and compliance specialists, supervisors, and managers suit the training; it assumes practical exposure to audit planning, fieldwork, controls, evidence, or reporting.

How does modern internal audit training differ from an audit fundamentals course?

Modern internal audit training integrates risk-based planning, agile delivery, analytics, stakeholder challenge, and quality oversight, while audit fundamentals training introduces basic terminology, control concepts, tests, and workpaper practices.

How does risk-based internal audit planning shape an engagement?

Risk-based planning links organizational objectives, relevant risks, assurance coverage, engagement objectives, scope, criteria, resources, and work programs so attention is directed toward matters with the greatest significance.

How are data analytics used in data-enabled audit fieldwork?

Data analytics can profile populations, identify exceptions and patterns, target testing, support risk assessment, and strengthen evidence when data quality, access, security, and interpretation are governed.

What makes digital assurance conclusions defensible?

Defensible conclusions connect approved criteria, reliable evidence, documented analysis, supervisory review, balanced findings, stakeholder validation, and traceable action plans without overstating what the evidence supports.



Conclusion

Participants leave with a Modern Internal Audit Engagement Playbook that links risk priorities, agile planning, analytics tests, evidence decisions, findings, quality checks, and follow-up. The work product makes engagement choices and review points visible across assurance teams. It supports consistent delivery while allowing methods to adapt to changing risks and stakeholder needs.