Design Thinking for Government Services Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Public Sector Innovation	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

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

1. Understand the principles and frameworks of design thinking for public sector applications
2. Apply user-centered design methods to identify citizen needs and challenges
3. Conduct effective stakeholder analysis and mapping for government projects
4. Utilize empathy-driven research techniques to inform service design
5. Ideate innovative solutions to complex government service issues
6. Prototype service interventions quickly and efficiently
7. Implement iterative testing and refinement for service improvement
8. Leverage digital tools for design thinking and service innovation
9. Facilitate co-creation workshops with internal and external stakeholders
10. Measure and evaluate the impact of design thinking interventions
11. Integrate behavioral insights into public service solutions
12. Enhance organizational agility and responsiveness through innovation
13. Develop strategies for sustaining a culture of continuous improvement in government services

Organizational Benefits

1. Increased citizen satisfaction and engagement
2. Streamlined service delivery processes
3. Enhanced cross-department collaboration
4. Accelerated innovation cycles in government projects
5. Improved decision-making based on citizen insights
6. Reduced implementation risks through prototyping

7. Empowered employees with problem-solving capabilities
8. Cost-effective solutions for public service challenges
9. Strengthened public trust and transparency
10. Data-driven and evidence-based policy interventions

Target Audiences

1. Government policy makers
2. Public sector managers and leaders
3. Service delivery officers
4. Digital transformation specialists
5. Citizen engagement coordinators
6. Government project managers
7. Innovation and strategy teams
8. Nonprofit and public service consultants

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Design Thinking in Government

- Overview of design thinking principles
- Importance of citizen-centric innovation
- Government case studies and success stories
- Key challenges in public sector service design
- Comparison with traditional problem-solving approaches
- Case Study: Redesigning a municipal service process

Module 2: Empathy and Citizen-Centric Research

- Conducting interviews and surveys with citizens
- Observation and shadowing techniques
- Analyzing citizen pain points
- Mapping user journeys and experiences
- Tools for empathy-driven research
- Case Study: Understanding accessibility barriers in public services

Module 3: Stakeholder Mapping and Analysis

- Identifying internal and external stakeholders
- Understanding stakeholder needs and expectations
- Prioritization frameworks for engagement
- Techniques for collaborative workshops
- Leveraging stakeholder input for decision-making
- Case Study: Engaging multiple agencies for a policy redesign

Module 4: Ideation Techniques and Creativity

- Brainstorming methods for government solutions
- Structured ideation frameworks
- Encouraging creative participation in teams
- Concept development for services
- Evaluating feasibility and impact
- Case Study: Innovative approaches to citizen feedback collection

Module 5: Prototyping Public Services

- Rapid prototyping techniques
- Paper, digital, and service mock-ups
- Testing prototypes with citizens
- Iteration and refinement processes
- Reducing implementation risks through prototyping
- Case Study: Prototyping a digital government portal

Module 6: Testing and Feedback Integration

- Designing test plans for government services
- Collecting and analyzing feedback
- Iterative improvements for optimal outcomes
- Implementing pilot programs
- Measuring service effectiveness
- Case Study: Feedback-driven improvement of public health services

Module 7: Scaling Design Thinking in Government

- Strategies for organizational adoption
- Building innovation culture in public agencies
- Knowledge transfer and training for teams
- Monitoring and sustaining improvements
- Tools for scaling impact across departments
- Case Study: Scaling citizen-centric practices in multiple cities

Module 8: Digital Tools and Behavioral Insights

- Digital platforms for design thinking
- Integrating behavioral insights into service design
- Data-driven decision-making for policy and service innovation
- Enhancing engagement through technology
- Leveraging analytics for continuous improvement
- Case Study: Using digital insights to optimize social service delivery

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with real-world examples
- Hands-on group exercises and workshops
- Case study analysis and discussion
- Role-playing and scenario simulations
- Tools demonstrations and practical exercises
- Continuous feedback and reflection sessions

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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