Ingredient Functionality: Proteins, Lipids, Carbohydrates Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Food processing and Technology	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamental roles of proteins, lipids, and carbohydrates in food systems.
2. Analyze ingredient structure-function relationships in diverse food matrices.
3. Apply current food science innovations to improve product quality and stability.
4. Evaluate ingredient interactions and their impact on texture, flavor, and appearance.
5. Integrate functional ingredients for clean-label and plant-based formulations.
6. Assess protein denaturation, lipid oxidation, and carbohydrate gelatinization processes.
7. Design formulations using functional ingredient replacements and fortifications.
8. Utilize advanced analytical techniques for ingredient performance testing.
9. Optimize processing parameters to retain ingredient functionality.
10. Investigate new trends in protein alternatives, fat mimetics, and carbohydrate substitutes.
11. Develop sustainable sourcing strategies for functional ingredients.
12. Apply ingredient functionality principles in product reformulation and innovation.
13. Enhance food quality, nutrition, and sensory appeal through functional design.

Organizational Benefits

- Improved formulation efficiency and product consistency.
- Enhanced innovation in food product development.
- Reduced production costs through optimized ingredient usage.
- Strengthened food safety and quality control systems.
- Accelerated R&D and prototype development timelines.
- Increased competitiveness in functional and health-driven markets.
- Greater customer satisfaction through improved sensory quality.
- Stronger compliance with nutritional labeling and clean-label trends.
- Empowered workforce with advanced food science expertise.
- Sustainable ingredient sourcing and waste reduction strategies.

Target Audiences

- Food technologists and product developers
- Quality assurance and quality control specialists
- Research and development scientists
- Food manufacturing professionals
- Nutrition and dietetics experts
- Culinary innovation teams
- Academic researchers and lecturers
- Regulatory and compliance officers

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Ingredient Functionality

- Overview of macronutrient chemistry and classification
- Role of ingredients in food system stability
- Functional properties of proteins, lipids, and carbohydrates
- Measurement of ingredient performance indicators
- Ingredient interactions and their effects on food quality
- Case Study: Understanding functional failures in baked products

Module 2: Protein Structure and Functionality

- Protein composition and molecular structure
- Solubility, emulsification, and gelation mechanisms
- Functional behavior of animal vs. plant proteins
- Protein denaturation and aggregation during processing
- Optimization of protein-based formulations
- Case Study: Functional evaluation of plant-based protein beverages

Module 3: Lipid Chemistry and Functional Behavior

- Classification and composition of lipids
- Crystallization and melting characteristics
- Emulsion stability and fat?Çôwater interactions
- Lipid oxidation and shelf-life management
- Functional lipids in low-fat formulations
- Case Study: Managing lipid oxidation in frying applications

Module 4: Carbohydrate Chemistry and Functionality

- Structure and classification of carbohydrates
- Gelation, thickening, and texturizing properties
- Functionality of starches, gums, and fibers
- Sugar crystallization and sweetness modification
- Clean-label carbohydrate replacements
- Case Study: Functionality of hydrocolloids in sauces and dressings

Module 5: Ingredient Interactions in Food Systems

- Synergistic and antagonistic effects among ingredients
- Impact on texture, viscosity, and stability
- Ingredient compatibility and formulation design
- Role of pH, temperature, and moisture in interactions
- Techniques for controlling undesired reactions
- Case Study: Texture optimization in protein-fiber blends

Module 6: Functional Ingredient Applications in Product Design

- Functional roles in bakery, dairy, and confectionery products
- Ingredient selection for desired sensory outcomes
- Substitution and fortification strategies

- Impact of processing on functionality retention
- Balancing cost, quality, and sustainability
- Case Study: Reformulation of gluten-free bakery products

Module 7: Analytical Techniques for Ingredient Functionality

- Rheological and thermal analysis of ingredients
- Spectroscopic and chromatographic evaluation methods
- Measuring emulsifying, foaming, and gelling capacity
- Protein and lipid oxidation assessment tools
- Functional data interpretation and reporting
- Case Study: Evaluating protein solubility and gel strength

Module 8: Protein Functionality Enhancement Techniques

- Enzymatic modification of proteins
- Thermal and non-thermal processing methods
- Use of additives and hydrocolloids for functionality
- Protein texturization and fiber formation
- Optimization for improved water-holding capacity
- Case Study: Texturization of soy and pea proteins

Module 9: Lipid Modification and Fat Functionality

- Hydrogenation, interesterification, and fractionation
- Use of structured lipids in food formulation
- Fat mimetics and replacers in low-calorie foods
- Impact of lipid type on sensory quality
- Managing trans-fat alternatives
- Case Study: Designing low-fat spreads and margarines

Module 10: Carbohydrate Functionality in Formulation Systems

- Role of polysaccharides and oligosaccharides in food texture
- Gelation and retrogradation of starches
- Use of resistant starches and fibers for health benefits
- Carbohydrate-protein and carbohydrate-lipid interactions
- Formulation of sugar-reduced products
- Case Study: Developing reduced-sugar desserts with hydrocolloids

Module 11: Functional Ingredient Stability During Processing

- Effects of heat, pressure, and pH on ingredient properties
- Retention of nutritional and sensory quality
- Ingredient compatibility during storage
- Encapsulation and stabilization techniques
- Controlling degradation and oxidation
- Case Study: Stability analysis in ready-to-eat meals

Module 12: Clean Label and Natural Ingredient Functionality

- Emerging demand for clean-label solutions

- Natural emulsifiers, thickeners, and stabilizers
- Ingredient sourcing and transparency
- Regulatory compliance for natural claims
- Formulating without synthetic additives
- Case Study: Replacing artificial emulsifiers in dressings

Module 13: Ingredient Functionality in Plant-Based Foods

- Protein and lipid functionality in plant-based systems
- Structuring and texturizing techniques
- Balancing nutrition and sensory quality
- Functional ingredient optimization for vegan products
- Trends in sustainable plant-based innovations
- Case Study: Replicating meat texture using plant proteins

Module 14: Ingredient Functionality in Health-Oriented Foods

- Formulating for reduced fat, sugar, and sodium
- Role of functional ingredients in health claims
- Fortification with fibers, proteins, and bioactives
- Ingredient stability in functional beverages
- Consumer trends in health-driven innovation
- Case Study: Designing protein-fortified functional snacks

Module 15: Integration and Practical Application Workshop

- Applying functionality principles in real product development
- Analyzing formulation challenges and solutions
- Cross-functional collaboration in product innovation
- Evaluating ingredient cost-effectiveness
- Product prototyping and testing methods
- Case Study: Functional optimization of a complete meal system

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and expert presentations
- Laboratory demonstrations and ingredient analysis sessions
- Group discussions and formulation exercises
- Case study evaluations and solution design
- Hands-on workshops with real-world product prototypes
- Assessment through quizzes and project-based evaluation

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Certification

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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	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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