

Training Course on Media Training for Executives

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	General Training	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:

1. Develop a strong executive presence in media interactions.
2. Master key message development and strategic storytelling.
3. Learn techniques to control interviews and stay on message.
4. Handle tough questions and crisis situations with confidence.
5. Understand the dynamics of print, broadcast, and digital media.
6. Improve verbal and non-verbal communication skills.
7. Manage public perception and brand reputation through media engagement.
8. Learn press conference strategies and media briefing techniques.
9. Adapt communication styles for different media formats (TV, radio, online).
10. Leverage social media for executive communication and thought leadership.
11. Develop crisis communication plans for proactive reputation management.
12. Learn best practices for live interviews and media debates.
13. Gain insights into journalists' expectations and media protocols.

Target Audience

1. C-suite Executives (CEOs, CFOs, COOs, etc.)
2. Senior Managers & Directors dealing with public relations
3. Government Officials & Diplomats handling media inquiries
4. Public Relations & Communications Executives
5. Spokespersons & Official Representatives
6. Entrepreneurs & Business Leaders engaging with media
7. Crisis Management & Reputation Management Teams
8. Marketing & Corporate Affairs Professionals

Course Content

Module 1: Understanding the Media Landscape

1. The role of media in shaping public perception.
2. Differences between print, broadcast, and digital media.
3. How journalists work: deadlines, angles, and expectations.
4. Navigating media opportunities and risks.
5. Case Study: How media shaped corporate reputations.

Module 2: Crafting Powerful Key Messages

1. The importance of message discipline.
2. Structuring clear, concise, and impactful statements.
3. The "Rule of Three" in message delivery.
4. Tailoring messages for different audiences.
5. Case Study: Successful executive messaging strategies.

Module 3: Handling Media Interviews with Confidence

1. Preparing for different types of interviews (live, recorded, remote).

2. Managing nerves and staying composed under pressure.
3. Effective techniques for controlling the narrative.
4. Avoiding media traps and misleading questions.
5. Case Study: Best and worst executive interviews.

Module 4: Non-Verbal Communication & Executive Presence

1. The role of body language in media appearances.
2. Managing facial expressions and gestures.
3. The impact of tone, pacing, and pauses.
4. Dressing for credibility and authority.
5. Case Study: Media body language analysis of top executives.

Module 5: Crisis Communication & Reputation Management

1. Handling media during crises and emergencies.
2. Developing a crisis communication plan.
3. Strategies for damage control and rebuilding trust.
4. Managing misinformation and social media backlash.
5. Case Study: Corporate crisis responses that restored trust.

Module 6: Press Conferences & Public Statements

1. Structuring and delivering a compelling press statement.
2. Managing Q&A sessions with confidence.
3. Handling difficult or aggressive reporters.
4. Coordinating with PR teams for seamless delivery.
5. Case Study: High-impact press conferences and their lessons.

Module 7: The Art of Bridging, Hooking, and Flagging

1. Techniques for steering interviews toward key messages.
2. Avoiding off-topic or negative questioning.
3. Using soundbites effectively for media impact.
4. Turning tough questions into positive messaging opportunities.
5. Case Study: Executive responses that redirected narratives.

Module 8: Leveraging Social Media for Executive Communication

1. Understanding the power of social media in PR.
2. Engaging with journalists and stakeholders online.
3. Managing reputation in the digital space.
4. Best practices for executive LinkedIn and Twitter strategies.
5. Case Study: Leaders who mastered social media messaging.

Module 9: Preparing for Media Debates and Live Panels

1. Handling high-pressure debate environments.
2. Techniques for quick thinking and sharp responses.
3. Managing interruptions and difficult opponents.
4. The importance of fact-checking and credibility.
5. Case Study: Political and business debate performances.

Module 10: Media Relations and Brand Positioning

1. Building long-term relationships with journalists.
2. Positioning the executive as an industry thought leader.
3. Managing public perception and brand storytelling.
4. Using media interviews as brand-building tools.
5. Case Study: Executives who successfully built media relationships.

Module 11: Virtual & Remote Media Appearances

1. Best practices for online interviews and live streams.
2. Managing lighting, camera angles, and audio quality.
3. Engaging a virtual audience effectively.
4. Avoiding technical mishaps in live online media appearances.
5. Case Study: Effective virtual interviews during global events.

Module 12: Executive Media Training Simulation & Coaching

1. Real-time media simulations and feedback.
2. Personal coaching for individual improvement.
3. Video playback analysis of interview performance.
4. Peer feedback and best practice reinforcement.
5. Final assessment and executive certification.

Training Methodology

- Live media simulations with real-time feedback.
- Mock interviews and press conference role-plays.
- Video playback analysis to refine techniques.
- Interactive case studies of media successes and failures.
- One-on-one coaching for personalized improvement.
- Expert-led workshops with communication specialists.
- Crisis scenario planning and response exercises.

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
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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