Training Course on Root Cause Failure Analysis

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

This training course is designed to equip participants with the following key competencies:

1. Comprehend the various **mechanisms of failure** that can occur in systems and equipment.
2. Learn and apply the fundamental **principles of Root Cause Failure Analysis** in practical scenarios.
3. Utilize effective **data gathering methods** to obtain relevant information for RCFA investigations.
4. Become proficient in using a range of **RCFA tools and techniques**, such as the 5 Whys, Fishbone Diagrams, and Fault Tree Analysis.
5. Develop the ability to accurately **identify the true root causes** of failures, moving beyond immediate symptoms.
6. Formulate effective and sustainable **corrective and preventative actions** to address identified root causes.
7. Understand the process of **implementing and monitoring** RCFA action plans to ensure their effectiveness.
8. Learn how to effectively **facilitate and participate** in multidisciplinary RCFA teams.
9. Recognize and analyze the role of **human factors in failures** and develop strategies for mitigation.

10. Explore and understand the application of **software tools in the RCFA process** for data management and analysis.
11. Plan and execute thorough and efficient **failure investigations** from initiation to closure.
12. Prepare and present clear and concise **RCFA reports and recommendations** to stakeholders.
13. Understand how to **integrate RCFA with existing management systems** such as ISO standards and safety programs.

Organizational Benefits

- Proactive identification and elimination of root causes minimize equipment failures and operational disruptions.
- Enhanced understanding of failure mechanisms leads to more reliable systems and processes.
- Identifying and addressing root causes of incidents prevents future accidents and promotes a safer work environment.
- Reduced maintenance costs, decreased production losses, and lower insurance premiums contribute to significant financial benefits.
- Streamlined processes and fewer unexpected breakdowns lead to improved operational efficiency.
- Data-driven insights from RCFA investigations support more informed decision-making regarding maintenance strategies and capital investments.
- Building internal RCFA expertise ensures valuable knowledge is retained within the organization.
- Fosters a proactive and problem-solving culture focused on preventing recurrence.

Target Audience

1. Maintenance Engineers and Technicians
2. Reliability Engineers
3. Process Engineers
4. Safety Managers and Officers
5. Quality Assurance Professionals
6. Operations Managers
7. Supervisors and Team Leaders
8. Anyone involved in problem-solving and continuous improvement initiatives

Course Outline

Module 1: Introduction to Root Cause Failure Analysis

- Defining failure and its impact on organizations.
- Understanding the difference between symptoms and root causes.
- The importance and benefits of implementing RCFA.
- Overview of different RCFA methodologies and tools.
- **Case Study:** Analysis of a major industrial accident and the role of RCFA in preventing recurrence.

Module 2: Principles and Process of RCFA

- The systematic RCFA process: Define, Collect, Analyze, Recommend, Implement.
- Establishing effective RCFA teams and their roles.
- Developing clear problem statements and objectives for investigations.
- Ethical considerations in conducting failure analysis.

- **Case Study:** A step-by-step walkthrough of a simple RCFA investigation in a manufacturing setting.

Module 3: Data Collection and Preservation

- Identifying relevant data sources for RCFA investigations.
- Techniques for effective data collection: interviews, observations, documentation review.
- Importance of preserving evidence and the chain of custody.
- Using checklists and data logging tools for consistency.
- **Case Study:** Examining a scenario where poor data collection led to an incorrect root cause identification.

Module 4: Root Cause Analysis Tools and Techniques

- The 5 Whys technique for iterative questioning.
- Developing and utilizing Fishbone (Ishikawa) Diagrams for cause mapping.
- Introduction to Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) for complex system failures.
- Applying Pareto Charts for prioritizing contributing factors.
- **Case Study:** Comparing and contrasting the application of the 5 Whys and Fishbone Diagram on the same failure event.

Module 5: Human Factors in Failure Analysis

- Understanding the role of human error in system failures.
- Investigating active and latent failures related to human performance.
- Applying human factors analysis techniques (e.g., HFACS).
- Developing recommendations to mitigate human error.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing an aviation incident where human factors played a significant role.

Module 6: Developing Effective Corrective and Preventative Actions

- Distinguishing between immediate corrections and long-term preventative actions.
- Criteria for developing SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) action plans.
- Implementing a hierarchy of controls to address root causes.
- The importance of verification and validation of implemented actions.
- **Case Study:** Evaluating the effectiveness of different corrective actions implemented after a product recall.

Module 7: Implementing and Sustaining RCFA within the Organization

- Strategies for integrating RCFA into existing organizational processes.
- Developing metrics to track the effectiveness of the RCFA program.
- The role of management support and communication in RCFA success.
- Continuous improvement of the RCFA process through lessons learned.
- **Case Study:** Examining a company that successfully embedded RCFA into its operational culture.

Module 8: Advanced RCFA Techniques and Case Studies

- Introduction to advanced tools such as Weibull Analysis and Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA).
- Analyzing complex, multi-causal failures.
- Utilizing software solutions for RCFA data management and analysis.

- Best practices in reporting and presenting RCFA findings.
- **Case Study:** An in-depth analysis of a complex system failure using multiple RCFA techniques.

Training Methodology

This training course utilizes a blended learning approach incorporating:

- Interactive lectures and presentations
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions
- Practical exercises and simulations
- Real-world case study analysis
- Team-based problem-solving activities
- Use of visual aids and templates
- Opportunities for experience sharing

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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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