Training Course on The 21st Century Executive Assistant

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

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

1. Understand the evolving strategic role of the modern Executive Assistant.
2. Enhance executive support and organizational management capabilities.
3. Apply advanced communication and interpersonal skills in executive environments.
4. Utilize modern digital tools and technologies to improve productivity.
5. Manage executive calendars, meetings, and travel arrangements effectively.
6. Strengthen stakeholder engagement and relationship management skills.
7. Support project planning, execution, and monitoring activities.
8. Improve decision-making and problem-solving capabilities.
9. Demonstrate professionalism, confidentiality, and ethical conduct.
10. Develop leadership competencies necessary for career advancement.

Course Modules

Module 1: The Strategic Role of the 21st Century Executive Assistant

- Evolution of the Executive Assistant profession
- Strategic business partnering
- Executive support as a value-adding function
- Understanding organizational structures
- Executive Assistant as a trusted advisor

Case Study: Transforming Administrative Support into Strategic Partnership at a Global Consulting Firm

Module 2: Executive Communication and Professional Presence

- Executive-level communication techniques
- Business writing and correspondence
- Managing executive communications
- Influencing without authority
- Professional etiquette and corporate image

Case Study: Managing Sensitive Stakeholder Communication during a Corporate Restructuring

Module 3: Advanced Time, Priority and Calendar Management

- Executive calendar optimization
- Prioritization frameworks
- Time-blocking strategies
- Managing competing demands

- Scheduling across multiple time zones

Case Study: Coordinating the Schedule of a Regional CEO Managing Multiple Countries

Module 4: Digital Productivity and Workplace Technologies

- Microsoft 365 productivity tools
- Google Workspace collaboration tools
- AI-powered office productivity applications
- Document management systems
- Workflow automation

Case Study: Implementing Digital Workflow Automation to Reduce Administrative Workload

Module 5: Executive Meeting and Board Support Excellence

- Board meeting preparation
- Agenda development
- Minute-taking techniques
- Follow-up and action tracking
- Governance support responsibilities

Case Study: Supporting a Board of Directors Meeting for a Publicly Listed Company

Module 6: Business Writing, Reports and Presentation Development

- Executive reports and briefing notes
- Professional email communication
- Presentation design principles
- Data visualization techniques
- Proofreading and editing skills

Case Study: Preparing Executive Briefing Papers for a Strategic Investment Decision

Module 7: Stakeholder and Relationship Management

- Internal and external stakeholder mapping
- Managing executive relationships
- Customer and client interactions
- Networking and relationship building
- Diplomacy and influence

Case Study: Managing High-Level Stakeholder Expectations during a Corporate Merger

Module 8: Event Planning and Corporate Protocol Management

- Executive event planning
- Corporate hospitality
- Protocol and etiquette management
- VIP visits coordination
- Conference and workshop management

Case Study: Organizing an International Leadership Summit for Government and Corporate Leaders

Module 9: Project Management for Executive Assistants

- Fundamentals of project management
- Project planning tools
- Monitoring deliverables
- Risk management
- Reporting project progress

Case Study: Supporting the Successful Rollout of a Digital Transformation Initiative

Module 10: Financial and Budget Management Essentials

- Budget preparation and monitoring
- Expense management
- Procurement basics
- Cost control measures
- Financial reporting fundamentals

Case Study: Managing Executive Office Budgets during Cost Reduction Programs

Module 11: Problem Solving, Critical Thinking and Decision Support

- Analytical thinking skills
- Root cause analysis
- Decision support frameworks
- Managing uncertainty
- Executive-level problem-solving

Case Study: Supporting Executive Decision-Making during an Organizational Crisis

Module 12: Managing Change and Organizational Transformation

- Change management principles
- Employee engagement strategies
- Managing resistance to change
- Communication during change
- Transformation support roles

Case Study: Assisting Leadership during Enterprise-Wide Change Management Implementation

Module 13: Emotional Intelligence and Leadership Skills

- Self-awareness and self-management
- Emotional intelligence competencies
- Leadership communication
- Conflict management
- Building influence and trust

Case Study: Resolving Workplace Conflicts between Senior Management Teams

Module 14: Ethics, Confidentiality and Corporate Governance

- Professional ethics

- Information security and confidentiality
- Governance frameworks
- Compliance requirements
- Managing sensitive information

Case Study: Handling Confidential Corporate Information during Acquisition Negotiations

Module 15: Future-Proofing the Executive Assistant Career

- Emerging workplace trends
- Artificial Intelligence and Executive Support
- Digital transformation impacts
- Career development planning
- Building a future-ready skillset

Case Study: Preparing Executive Support Functions for the AI-Driven Workplace

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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	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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