FP&A Monthly Cash Flow Forecast Modelling Masterclass

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Why This Course

Accurate cash flow forecasting is essential for liquidity planning, financial control, and confident strategic decision-making. Organizations need finance professionals who can build reliable monthly forecast models, connect business assumptions to financial statements, and present clear insights that support management decisions.

This comprehensive 1-week course provides a practical approach to monthly cash flow forecasting and financial modeling in Excel. Participants will learn how to structure forecast models, develop business assumptions, link financial statements, forecast working capital, analyze liquidity, and create management-ready reports and dashboards.

The program combines FP&A best practices, advanced Excel techniques, and hands-on modeling exercises to help participants build robust 12-month rolling cash flow forecasts that can be applied directly in real business environments.

What You'll Learn and Practice

By joining this program, you will:

- Apply structured approaches to monthly cash flow forecasting in Excel.
- Build assumptions, drivers, and forecast logic for financial models.
- Forecast revenues, operating expenses, working capital, debt, and capital expenditure.
- Link the income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow statement.
- Analyze monthly cash flows, liquidity, and credit metrics.
- Create supporting schedules for receivables, payables, and inventory.
- Design clear data visualizations for management reporting.
- Apply model auditing, error checking, validation, and protection techniques.



The Program Flow

Day 1: Foundations of Cash Flow Forecasting

- Introduction to FP&A and monthly cash flow forecasting.
- Understanding cash flow statement components and analysis.
- Financial modeling best practices and model design principles.
- Excel fundamentals for financial modeling.
- Building clear layouts, formulas, and input sections.
- Practical exercise: reviewing a basic cash flow forecast model.

Day 2: Building the Forecast Model Structure

- Creating assumptions and business drivers sections.
- Forecasting revenues and operating expenses.
- Modeling working capital changes and cash conversion cycles.
- Linking the three financial statements.
- Designing monthly forecast timelines and model structure.
- Workshop: building the first part of a monthly forecast model.

Day 3: Advanced Forecasting Techniques

- Forecasting balance sheet items.
- Modeling debt schedules and interest payments.
- Capital expenditure and depreciation forecasting.
- Handling circular references in Excel.
- Building supporting schedules for financial statement forecasting.
- Practical exercise: completing advanced forecast model sections.

Day 4: Cash Flow Analysis and Visualization

- Calculating and analyzing monthly cash flows.
- Creating supporting schedules for accounts receivable, accounts payable, and inventory.
- Evaluating liquidity, working capital, and credit metrics.
- Designing management-ready charts and graphs.
- Building dashboards for forecast reporting.
- Workshop: presenting cash flow insights for management review.



Day 5: Model Enhancement and Practical Application

- Sensitivity analysis and scenario planning.
- Model auditing and error-checking techniques.
- Applying data validation and worksheet protection.
- Improving model usability, accuracy, and efficiency.
- Case study: building a full 12-month rolling cash flow forecast.
- Final exercise: presenting forecast outputs and recommendations.

Individual Impact

- Build confidence in creating monthly cash flow forecast models.
- Improve Excel-based financial modeling skills.
- Strengthen ability to forecast financial statements and business performance.
- Enhance data visualization and management reporting capabilities.
- Gain practical techniques for scenario analysis and model review.

Work Impact

- Improve liquidity planning and cash flow visibility.
- Support stronger FP&A processes and strategic decision-making.
- Enhance accuracy and consistency in financial forecasting.
- Provide clearer management reports and forecast dashboards.
- Strengthen financial control through better model governance and review.

Training Methodology

This course uses a hands-on financial modeling approach focused on practical application in Excel. Training methods include:

- Guided Excel modeling exercises.
- FP&A best practice discussions.
- Financial statement forecasting workshops.
- Cash flow analysis and dashboard design activities.
- Scenario planning and sensitivity analysis exercises.
- Practical case study: developing a 12-month rolling forecast model.

Beyond the Course

By the end of this course, participants will be able to build, review, and present monthly cash flow forecast models with greater accuracy and confidence. They will leave with practical Excel-based techniques to forecast financial statements, analyze liquidity, create management-ready visuals, and support strategic financial decisions.

