Financial Statement Preparation, Review & Health Analysis

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Course Description

This intensive 1-week course provides a comprehensive overview of financial statement preparation, review, and analysis. Participants will gain practical skills in creating accurate financial reports, conducting thorough reviews, and using advanced analytical techniques to assess organizational financial health. The course emphasizes real-world applications and strategic decision-making based on financial insights.

Learning Objectives

- Master the preparation of key financial statements including income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements
- Develop proficiency in reviewing financial reports for accuracy, completeness, and compliance
- Learn advanced analytical techniques to evaluate organizational financial health and performance
- Understand how to use financial analysis to drive strategic business decisions and improve financial outcomes
- Gain practical skills in financial ratio analysis, trend analysis, and benchmarking

Course Modules

Day 1: Fundamentals of Financial Statements

- Overview of financial reporting and its importance
- The accounting cycle and its role in financial statement preparation
- Structure and components of primary financial statements
- Regulatory framework and accounting standards IFRS/GAAP

Day 2: Preparing Financial Statements

- Detailed process of preparing the income statement
- Balance sheet preparation and common issues
- Cash flow statement: direct and indirect methods
- Notes to financial statements and their significance



Day 3: Reviewing Financial Statements

- Developing a systematic approach to financial statement review
- Identifying red flags and areas of concern
- Analytical procedures for effective review
- Ensuring compliance with accounting standards and regulations

Day 4: Financial Statement Analysis Techniques

- Ratio analysis: liquidity, profitability, efficiency, and solvency ratios
- Trend analysis and horizontal/vertical analysis
- Common-size statements and benchmarking
- Advanced analytical tools and software

Day 5: Interpreting Financial Health and Strategic Decision-Making

- Comprehensive assessment of organizational financial health
- Using financial analysis to inform strategic decisions
- Case studies in financial health analysis
- Communicating financial insights to stakeholders

Practical Wins for Participants

- Ability to prepare accurate and compliant financial statements
- Enhanced skills in identifying financial statement errors and irregularities
- Proficiency in using financial ratios and analytical techniques to assess company performance
- Improved capacity to make data-driven financial decisions and recommendations

