

IMPRO



A Complete List of all Courses

This list contains our most popular courses. Each course can be taken individually or a part of a curriculum such as Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt or the Quality Leadership Program. We also can customize any course for your specific needs.

INDIVIDUAL MODULE LISTING

Length (Minutes)	MODULE	DESCRIPTION
30	The History of Quality and Continuous Improvement	This module covers a basic introduction to the vast field of quality improvement, and the impact made by Dr. Joseph M. Juran and his contemporaries.
20	Basic Quality	This module covers basic quality principles and operational definitions important to continuous improvement.
20	The Juran Management System	This module is an introduction to how Juran thinks about quality.
20	Putting the Trilogy to Work Today	This module is an introduction on how to make continuous improvement efficiently happen in today's organizations.
30	The Need for Change & Continuous Improvement	This module is an introduction to why organizations must continue to develop processes and services that satisfy organizational and customer needs.
35	Improving Quality	This module is an introduction to the methods and steps available to improve levels of quality.
25	Introduction to Variation and Waste	This module is an introduction to process variation and the waste that variation creates.
15	Continuous Improvement Structure	This module is an introduction to the different high-level components of a Continuous Improvement program.
35	Effective Teams	This module is an introduction to teams, and the team skills necessary to work well together on improvement projects.
15	Overview of Improvement Methods	This module is an overview of the Lean, Six Sigma, and Quality by Design improvement methodologies.
10	What is DMAIC?	This module is an introduction to the Six Sigma DMAIC improvement methodology and how to identify and improve process effectiveness.

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20	What is Lean?	This module is an introduction to the Lean improvement methodology and how to identify and eliminate process waste.
20	What is Quality by Design?	This module is an introduction to the Quality by Design planning methodology.
25	The Financial Case for Improvement	This module is an introduction to how a continuous improvement program can impact an organization's bottom line.
10	Being a Project Champion	This module is an introduction to the responsibilities of a project Champion. It covers what is expected of Champions and what is expected when working with a project team.
15	Managing Change	This module details what change is, and how to manage continuous improvement projects to achieve desired results.
20	The Strategic Planning Roadmap	This module details how to integrate continuous improvement goals into the strategic plan, and provides a roadmap for doing so.
30	Introduction to Selecting Projects	This module is an introduction to selecting appropriate continuous improvement projects that fit in with an organization's strategic plan.
25	Introduction to the Cost of Poor Quality	This module is an introduction to the costs related to poor quality, which are the costs of not doing a job perfectly every time it gets done.
30	Application: Avidco Case Study	This module acts as a demonstration of the use of continuous improvement techniques in the form of a case study following the Avidco Corporation's struggle with expansion.
10	Application: Background	This module is an introduction to the JDD Expense Request Case Study. It covers background on the
10	Application: Creating a Project Charter	This module has learners apply their knowledge and create a Project Charter for the JDD Expense Request project.

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10	Application: Calculating the Cost of Poor Quality	This module has learners apply what they have learned and use provided information to calculate the cost of poor quality relating to the JDD Expense Request process.
15	Define	This module introduces Define, the first step of the Six Sigma DMAIC methodology. It covers what tools are used,
10	Improvement Tool: Stakeholder Analysis	This module is an introduction to stakeholder analysis, a tool used to gauge important stakeholders views of a problem or project before committing resources to tackle them.
10	Application: Stakeholder Analysis	This module has learners use information about JDD stakeholders and answer questions about the stakeholder analysis the team completed.
15	Improvement Tool: Voice of the Customer Matrix	Voice of the Customer, Key Issues, and Critical to Quality, all important aspects when working on an improvement project. Understand a processes multiple customers and their needs, and ultimately identify what is critical to quality for the process to run effectively.
10	Application: Verifying the Voice of the Customer	This module has learners use information about JDD customers and answer questions about how the team used the Voice of the Customer and identified what is Critical to Quality.
20	Improvement Tool: SIPOC Diagram	This module introduces the SIPOC Diagram. SIPOC stands for Supplier, Input, Process, Output, Customer, and this is a high-level process map that determines the boundaries of an improvement project.
10	Application: High Level Process Map (SIPOC)	This module has learners review and interpret the JDD improvement team's SIPOC.
25	Measure	In this module, learners will discover how improvement teams measure the Y in its current state in numbers, and the tools to do so.
20	Improvement Tool: Juran's Pareto Analysis	This module introduces the Pareto Principle and Pareto Analysis. This is a tool that helps project teams differentiate the "vital few" from the "useful many." It essentially shows that a small number of sources account for the majority of a problem.

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10	Application: Determining the “Vital Few” Through Pareto Analysis	This module has learners interpret the JDD teams Pareto Diagram and answer questions about how it is used.
20	Improvement Tool: Data Collection Plan	This module is an introduction to Data Collection Plans. A data collection plan is a tool used to define a clear strategy to efficiently collect reliable information that will be used to prove root causes.
10	Application: Data Collection Plan	This module has the JDD team create a Data Collection Plan, and the learner interpret and answer questions about it.
20	Improvement Tool: Sampling	This module introduces sampling. Sampling is when a select group of carefully selected data is used to make an inference about an entire population of data to simplify data collection.
10	Application: Working With the Right Data, Samples or Populations?	This module has the JDD team decide to use a sample of their total data population. It is then the learners job to analyze how the team used the tool, and answer questions about it.
15	Improvement Tool: Detailed Process Mapping	A process map is a graphic representation of the sequence of steps of a given process. It shows where the process begins and ends, along with where major steps take place. A detailed process map is much more in-depth than a SIPOC map, and follows the “thing” going through the process.
10	Application: Detailed Process Map	This module has the learner review and answer questions about the detailed process map the JDD team created.
25	Analyze	During the improvement step, improvement teams are tasked with studying the potential Xs, and determining which ones cause the most process variation.
15	Improvement Tool: Calculating Sigma	This module introduces the concepts of Sigma Level and Yield, and demonstrates how to measure each. Sigma Level is a measure of process effectiveness, and yield is a measure of process output.
10	Application: Calculating Sigma Level	In this module the learner reviews information provided by the JDD team and answers questions based on that information.

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10	Improvement Tool: Graphs and Charts	Graphs and charts are pictorial representations of quantitative data. They can summarize large amounts of information in a small area and communicate complex situations concisely and clearly. Line graphs, bar graphs, stacked bar graphs, and pie charts are covered in this module.
10	Application: Using Graphs and Charts	This module has the learner review and answer questions about graphs and charts that the JDD team created.
10	Improvement Tool: Brainstorming	This module is an introduction to Brainstorming, a tool used to generate many ideas on a topic without judgement. This tool encourages every team member to participate and contribute ideas.
10	Improvement Tool: Stratification	This module introduces Stratification. Stratification is the breaking apart of data to reveal patterns and allow for examination in many different ways.
10	Improvement Tool: Histograms	This module introduces Histograms. Histograms charts that display variation in a single characteristic. Patterns in the variation often reveal facts about the process.
10	Application: Working With Histograms	This module has the learner review histograms that the JDD team created, and answer questions relating to those graphs.
15	Improvement Tool: Box Plots	This module introduces Box Plots. Box Plots provide a graphic summary of the variation in a set of data. They are especially useful when working with small sets of data.
10	Application: Working With Box Plots	This module has the learner review box plots that the JDD team created, and answer questions relating to those charts.
15	Improvement Tool: Scatter Diagrams	This module introduces Scatter Diagrams. Scatter Diagrams show a numerical relationship or correlation between variables. They are an ideal way to display data when trying to evaluate a cause-effect relationship.
10	Application: Interpreting Scatter Diagrams	This module has the learner review scatter diagrams the JDD team created, and answer questions relating to those charts.

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25	Improvement Tool: Cause-Effect Diagrams	This module introduces Cause-Effect Diagrams. Cause-Effect diagrams are used to suggest theories of root causes, and help teams focus on possible Xs.
10	Application: Cause-Effect Diagram	This module has the learner review a cause-effect diagram that the JDD team created, and answer questions relating to it.
10	Improvement Tool: 5-Why Analysis	This module introduces 5-Why Analysis, a tool that helps identify potential causes of problems through repeatedly asking Why until you reach a root cause.
10	Application: 5-Why Analysis	This module has the learner review the JDD teams 5-Why analysis and answer questions related to it.
10	Improvement Tool: FMEA	FMEA is a systematic method for identifying possible failures that pose the greatest overall risk for the process, product, or service.
10	Application: Failure Mode Effects Analysis	This module has the learner review the JDD teams FMEA and answer questions related to it.
20	Improvement Tool: Impact Control Matrix	This module introduces Impact Control Matrices. An Impact Control Matrix is a simple prioritization tool that identifies the degree of control of a root cause of a problem, vs. the degree of impact the root cause has on the process.
25	Improve	During the Improve step, project teams develop proposed solutions, and pilot them in a real business environment.
10	Application: Brainstorming	In this module the learner reviews a brainstorming session the JDD project team held and answers related questions.
10	Improvement Tool: Solution Matrix	This module introduces the Solution Matrix. A solution matrix helps improvement teams evaluate solutions against evaluation criteria.
10	Application: Solution Matrix	This module has the learner review the JDDs solution matrix and answer related questions.

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10	Improvement Tool: Barriers and Aids	Barriers and Aids Charts are a graphical way to display potential cultural and other barriers to a process change. They also display aids to make the change easier for employees, and show countermeasures for apparent issues that may arise.
10	Application: Barriers and Aids	This module has the learner review JDDs barriers and aids chart and answer related questions.
10	Improvement Tool: Pilot Study	A Pilot Study is a test of all or part of a proposed solution on a small scale in order to better understand its effects and to learn how to make the full-scale implementation more effective.
10	Application: Pilot Study	This module has the learner review JDDs pilot study and answer related questions.
15	Improvement Tool: Mistake Proofing	This module introduces Mistake Proofing. Mistake Proofing is the act of making a task difficult to perform incorrectly.
10	Application: Mistake Proofing	This module has the learner review how the JDD team mistake proofed their solution and answer related questions.
10	Improvement Tool: Benchmarking	This module introduces Benchmarking. Benchmarking is a tool which organizations use to measure their performance against another's best-in-class practices.
10	Improvement Tool: Pugh Matrix	A Pugh Matrix is a tool for comparing several alternative concepts against a base concept, creating stronger concepts, and eliminating weaker ones until an optimal concept is reached.
25	Control	Control is the fifth and final step in the DMAIC process. Control is when the means to keep a revised process at a new level of performance.
10	Improvement Tool: Process Control Plan	This module introduces Control Plans. A control plan is the means to document how to monitor a revised process or product and ensure that it remains within specification.
10	Application: Creating a Control Plan	This module has the learner review the JDD teams process control plan and answer related questions.

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15	Control Charts	Control Charts display measured performance of a process at given times, and allow an organization to monitor processes to determine their variability and enact corrective action.
10	Application: Control Charts	This module has the learner review the JDD teams control charts and answer related questions.
10	Application: Updating COPQ and Sigma Level	This module has the learner review JDD data and calculate a revised sigma level and cost of poor quality.
10	Application: Documentation	This module has the learner review the JDD teams project documentation and answer related questions.