

Frequently Asked Questions

Course Title: Key to Audit Success: Focus on Objectives

Course #: 5825

Duration: 2 Days

Delivery Method: Instructor-led live classroom

Alternative Delivery Methods: Instructor-led online (synchronous)

1. What business or organizational need does this course address?

Gain an understanding of the importance of establishing precise objectives to the performance audit process through a series of exercises and discussions. This course has been updated in accordance with GAO's *Yellow Book* update which applies to financial audits, attestation engagements, and performance audits.

2. Who should attend?

The course is designed for auditors who need to know how to create effective audit objectives, how to use those objectives to plan and execute the audit, and how to write the audit report. This course may be of interest to both auditors and auditees in both the public and private sectors.

3. What will I learn how to do in this course?

- Describe the effect that objectives have on findings and message formulation
- Design a report to solve the problem of multiple audiences
- Write objectives for process-oriented and results-oriented audits that identify performance aspects and finding elements to be developed
- Develop a report outline
- Organize a finding that answers the audit objectives using different outline methods and advance organizers such as captions and topic sentences
- Apply general guidelines for selecting appropriate visual aids

4. What kinds of activities are included in this course?

Lecture, group discussion, class exercises, and exam.

5. Are there prerequisites for this course?

Suggested:

- [Auditing Fundamentals in the Federal Environment](#)

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6. Do I have to complete any prework for the course?

There is no prework required for this course.

7. Is this course applicable toward a professional certification?

No, this course is not applicable toward a professional certification. However, many Management Concepts courses do prepare you for professional certification programs. Click [here](#) to see a full list of professional certification programs that are supported by Management Concepts training courses.

8. Does this course count for credit toward a Management Concepts Certificate Program?

This is an elective course in the following program(s):

- [FFMCP Auditing Master Track](#)
- [FFMCP Accounting Master Track](#)
- [FFMCP Financial Management Master Track](#)

9. What credits do I earn by completing this course?

The following credits are available for this course:

NASBA CPEs: 16

NASBA Field of Study: Accounting (Governmental)

NASBA Level: Intermediate

CEUs: 1.3

PDU: 14

CLPs: 16

10. What course(s) do you recommend after I complete this course?

- Any basic or intermediate level auditing course
- [Overview of GAO Requirements for Fraud Prevention, ERM, and Internal Control](#)

11. What are Additional Features?

Most courses and training solutions have **Additional Features** designed to help every learner master and retain the concepts explored in the course. You can see which Additional Features are added to this course on the

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course page under the **Learning Objectives & Additional Features** tab – and for a more detailed exploration of our Additional Features, you can visit [this web page](#).