
5S & Visual Management

Course Description

This flexible-duration 5S & Visual Management course (2, 3, or 5 days) equips participants with the tools and techniques to create an organized, efficient, and visually managed workplace that supports operational excellence. By integrating the five steps of 5S—Sort, Set in Order, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain—with visual management methods, participants will learn to improve communication, reduce waste, and make performance visible to all.

Through practical exercises, workplace assessments, and real-world simulations, participants will experience firsthand how effective workplace organization and clear visual controls lead to increased productivity, reduced errors, enhanced safety, and measurable financial benefits. These benefits include lower downtime, reduced inventory holding costs, faster decision-making, and improved customer satisfaction.

Course Objectives

Understand the Principles of 5S & Visual Management:

- Define the five steps of 5S and their role in Lean operations.
- Explain how visual management supports efficiency, quality, and communication.

Implement 5S and Visual Tools in the Workplace:

- Organize tools, materials, and workflows for efficiency.
- Apply visual controls such as shadow boards, kanban systems, and performance boards.

Enhance Safety, Quality, and Productivity:

- Identify hazards and inefficiencies reduced through workplace organization.
- Use visual signals to prevent errors and monitor process performance.

Measure and Communicate Financial Impact:

- Calculate cost savings from reduced search time, improved uptime, and waste elimination.
- Demonstrate ROI from implementing workplace organization and visual systems.

Sustain Improvements Over Time:

- Develop standard work and visual audits.
- Engage teams in continuous improvement to maintain workplace standards.

Training Format Options

- 2-Day: Introduction to 5S and visual management concepts, hands-on implementation in a pilot area, and immediate improvements.
- 3-Day: Adds expanded workplace audits, broader visual tool deployment, and sustainability planning.
- 5-Day: Comprehensive workplace transformation, leadership alignment, and long-term sustainment systems.