

Training course on Advanced Mortgage Underwriting and Loan Servicing

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Real Estate Institute	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the fundamental principles and strategic importance of **Advanced Mortgage Underwriting** in managing credit risk.
2. Master methodologies for **conducting in-depth borrower financial analysis**, including complex income and asset verification.
3. Develop expertise in evaluating **collateral risk through advanced appraisal review** and property analysis techniques.
4. Comprehend the various **types of mortgage loans** (commercial, residential, construction) and their unique underwriting considerations.
5. Formulate comprehensive understanding of **mortgage loan covenants** and their role in risk management and ongoing monitoring.
6. Understand the core processes and best practices involved in the full **mortgage loan servicing lifecycle**.

7. Implement effective strategies for **payment processing and detailed escrow management**
8. Develop expertise in **customer service excellence and borrower relations** within loan servicing.
9. Apply rigorous approaches to **default management and loss mitigation techniques**, including loan modifications and forbearance.
10. Navigate the complexities of **foreclosure and bankruptcy processes** from a servicer's perspective.
11. Explore the role of **technology solutions (PropTech)** in enhancing underwriting efficiency and loan servicing automation.
12. Ensure strict adherence to **regulatory compliance** across all stages of mortgage underwriting and servicing.
13. Conduct **portfolio-level risk assessment and stress testing** for mortgage loan portfolios and manage overall portfolio health.

Target Audience

This course is designed for professionals involved in mortgage finance:

1. **Mortgage Underwriters:** Seeking to advance their analytical and risk assessment skills.
2. **Loan Officers & Originators:** Understanding the deep requirements for loan approval.
3. **Credit Analysts:** Evaluating loan portfolios and individual loan performance.
4. **Loan Servicers:** Managing the post-origination phase, including distressed assets.
5. **Asset Managers:** Overseeing real estate-backed loan portfolios.
6. **Compliance Officers:** Ensuring adherence to complex mortgage regulations.
7. **Real Estate Investors & Developers:** Understanding lender perspectives and criteria.
8. **Financial Auditors & Risk Consultants:** Assessing mortgage operations.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Advanced Mortgage Underwriting

- The Underwriter's Role: Gatekeeper of Risk and Portfolio Health.
- The "Five C's" of Credit in Depth: Character, Capacity, Capital, Collateral, Conditions.
- Beyond Guidelines: Advanced Discretionary Underwriting and Qualitative Factors.
- Types of Mortgage Risks: Credit, Interest Rate, Prepayment, Operational, Reputational.
- Overview of the Regulatory Landscape for Mortgage Underwriting.

Module 2: Advanced Borrower Financial Analysis

- In-depth Income Analysis: Complex Wage Earners, Self-Employed Borrowers (Schedule C, K-1s), Variable and Commission-Based Income.
- Analyzing Personal and Business Tax Returns for Income Verification and Red Flags.
- Comprehensive Asset Verification: Bank Statements, Investment Accounts, Retirement Funds, Large Deposits, Source of Funds.
- Debt Analysis and Debt-to-Income (DTI) Ratios: Advanced Calculations and Exceptions.
- Identifying and Mitigating Fraudulent Income/Asset Documentation and Red Flags.

Module 3: Collateral Assessment and Advanced Appraisal Review

- Reviewing Appraisal Reports Beyond the Basics: Deep Dive into Sales Comparison, Cost, and Income Approaches.

- Identifying Appraisal Red Flags: Skewed Comps, Inappropriate Adjustments, Market Condition Anomalies.
- Property Condition Assessment (PCA) Review for Commercial Loans: Identifying Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Issues.
- Environmental Due Diligence (Phase I/II ESA) for Commercial Loans and Associated Risks.
- The Role of Market Analysis in Collateral Valuation and Future Projections.

Module 4: Loan Structuring, Covenants, and Risk Pricing

- Key Loan Metrics: Loan-to-Value (LTV), Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR), and Debt Yield (DY) in Advanced Underwriting.
- Structuring Commercial Mortgage Loans: Fixed vs. Floating, Amortization Schedules, Interest-Only Periods, Balloon Payments.
- **Mortgage Loan Covenants:** Detailed Analysis of Financial (e.g., minimum DSCR, leverage ratios, liquidity) and Non-Financial (e.g., reporting, insurance, operational) Covenants.
- Monitoring Loan Covenants and the Implications of Covenant Breach.
- Advanced Risk-Based Pricing of Mortgage Loans: Incorporating Credit Risk, Market Risk, and Operational Costs.

Module 5: Specialized Underwriting Considerations

- **Construction Loan Underwriting:** Project Feasibility, Development Budgets, Draw Schedules, Completion Guarantees, Sponsor Experience, and Pre-Leasing.
- **Bridge Loan Underwriting:** Short-Term Risk Assessment, Specific Exit Strategy Viability, and Transition Planning.
- Underwriting for Syndicated Loans and Participations: Intercreditor Agreements and Lead Lender Responsibilities.
- Regulatory-Specific Underwriting Guidelines (e.g., FHA, VA, USDA for residential; CRA, ECOA for all).
- Underwriting Distressed or Workout Loans: Assessing Revised Financials and Viability.

Module 6: Fundamentals of Loan Servicing Operations

- The Role and Importance of Loan Servicing in the Mortgage Value Chain.
- Key Stages of Loan Servicing: From Loan Boarding to Final Payoff.
- Servicing Technology Systems and Platforms (e.g., MSP, LoanSphere): Capabilities and Integration.
- In-house vs. Outsourced Servicing Models: Advantages, Disadvantages, and Vendor Management Best Practices.
- Operational Efficiencies and Cost Management in Loan Servicing.

Module 7: Payment Processing and Escrow Management

- Advanced Payment Processing Systems, Reconciliation, and Exception Handling.
- Managing Escrow Accounts for Property Taxes, Hazard Insurance, and Mortgage Insurance.
- Detailed Escrow Analysis and Annual Escrow Account Statements.
- Regulatory Requirements for Escrow Management and Impound Accounts.
- Handling Payment Disputes and Adjustments.

Module 8: Customer Service and Borrower Relations

- Strategies for Building a Customer-Centric Servicing Operation.
- Effective Communication Channels and Protocols with Borrowers.
- Complaint Resolution and Dispute Management Best Practices.

- Managing Borrower Inquiries, Requests, and Information Disclosure.
- The Impact of Customer Satisfaction on Servicing Performance and Reputational Risk.

Module 9: Default Management and Loss Mitigation Strategies

- Early Warning Systems and Predictive Analytics for Identifying Delinquency and Default.
- Proactive Borrower Outreach and Counseling Strategies for Troubled Loans.
- **Comprehensive Loss Mitigation Tools:**
 - **Loan Modifications:** Detailed Structuring of Interest Rate Reductions, Term Extensions, Principal Forbearance.
 - **Forbearance Agreements:** Temporary Payment Suspensions/Reductions, Repayment Plans.
 - **Short Sales:** Navigating the Process for Under-Water Properties.
 - **Deeds in Lieu of Foreclosure:** Voluntary Property Transfer.
- Evaluating Loss Mitigation Options: Net Present Value (NPV) Analysis from a Servicer's Perspective and Regulatory Requirements.

Module 10: Foreclosure, Bankruptcy, and REO Management

- The Foreclosure Process in Detail: Judicial vs. Non-Judicial Foreclosure Procedures, Timelines, and Costs.
- Borrower Rights and Defenses in Foreclosure Proceedings.
- Impact of Bankruptcy Filings (Chapter 7, 11, 13) on Mortgage Servicing and Collections.
- Managing Real Estate Owned (REO) Properties: Acquisition, Valuation, Marketing, and Disposition Strategies.
- Compliance with Foreclosure and Bankruptcy Regulations.

Module 11: Regulatory Compliance Across the Mortgage Lifecycle

- Deep Dive into Key Mortgage Regulations: Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA), Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA).
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Regulations and Enforcement Actions.
- State-Specific Lending and Servicing Regulations.
- Fair Lending Practices and Anti-Discrimination Measures.
- Compliance Management Systems (CMS) and Internal Audit Functions.

Module 12: Technology, Data Analytics, and Future of Mortgage Finance

- **PropTech Innovations in Underwriting:** AI/Machine Learning for Automated Decision-Making, Big Data Analytics for Risk Modeling, Predictive Insights.
- **Advanced Technology in Servicing:** Robotic Process Automation (RPA), Blockchain for Smart Contracts, Digital Communication Platforms, Mobile Apps.
- Leveraging Data Analytics for Portfolio Performance Monitoring, Delinquency Prediction, and Operational Optimization.
- Cybersecurity Best Practices and Data Privacy (GDPR, CCPA) in Mortgage Operations.
- Emerging Trends in Mortgage Finance: Digital Mortgages, Open Banking, Securitization Innovations, ESG Factors in Lending.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.

- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
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