Training course on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) for Infrastructure Projects

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Management	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

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

1. Define the core principles and framework of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) according to international standards.
2. Identify the key stages of an infrastructure project life cycle and their associated environmental impacts.
3. Formulate clear goal and scope definitions for LCA studies of infrastructure projects.
4. Master techniques for collecting and managing inventory data for various infrastructure components and processes.
5. Apply different life cycle impact assessment (LCIA) methodologies and interpret their results.
6. Conduct sensitivity analysis and uncertainty assessment in LCA studies.
7. Utilize LCA software tools to perform comprehensive environmental assessments of infrastructure projects.
8. Identify environmental hotspots and opportunities for improvement across the infrastructure life cycle.
9. Communicate LCA results effectively to stakeholders, decision-makers, and the public.
10. Integrate LCA findings into design, material selection, and procurement decisions for infrastructure.
11. Understand the role of LCA in achieving sustainability certifications and environmental reporting.
12. Evaluate case studies of successful LCA applications in diverse infrastructure sectors.
13. Develop a framework for implementing LCA within their own organizations or projects.

Target Audience

This course is essential for professionals seeking to apply Life Cycle Assessment to infrastructure projects:

1. Civil Engineers: Involved in infrastructure design, construction, and maintenance.
2. Environmental Consultants: Specializing in sustainability assessments and environmental impact studies.
3. Project Managers: Overseeing infrastructure development and seeking to integrate sustainability.
4. Urban Planners: Focusing on sustainable urban development and infrastructure planning.
5. Government Officials: From public works, environmental agencies, and infrastructure ministries.
6. Researchers & Academics: Studying environmental performance of the built environment.
7. Sustainability Managers: Responsible for corporate environmental reporting and strategy.
8. Material Scientists: Interested in the environmental impacts of construction materials.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

- Define LCA, its purpose, and its applications in infrastructure.
- Understand the four phases of LCA: Goal & Scope, Inventory, Impact Assessment, Interpretation.
- Explore international standards (ISO 14040/14044) and their relevance.
- Discuss the benefits and limitations of conducting LCA for infrastructure.
- Overview of the role of LCA in sustainable development and green building.

Module 2: Goal and Scope Definition for Infrastructure LCA

- Learn to define the clear goal and purpose of an LCA study for infrastructure.
- Establish the system boundary for different types of infrastructure projects.
- Determine the functional unit for comparative and attributional LCA studies.
- Identify key assumptions, limitations, and data quality requirements.
- Understand the importance of stakeholder engagement in scope definition.

Module 3: Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) for Infrastructure

- Master techniques for collecting primary and secondary data for infrastructure LCI.
- Identify key inputs (energy, materials, water) and outputs (emissions, waste) at each life cycle stage.
- Learn to use existing LCI databases (e.g., Ecoinvent, GaBi) relevant to construction materials.
- Address data gaps and allocate environmental burdens in complex systems.
- Develop a structured approach to inventory data management for large projects.

Module 4: Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA)

- Understand various LCIA methodologies (e.g., CML, ReCiPe, TRACI).
- Explore different impact categories relevant to infrastructure (e.g., global warming, acidification, eutrophication).
- Learn to characterize, normalize, and weight impact assessment results.
- Discuss the selection of appropriate LCIA methods based on study goals.
- Interpret LCIA results to identify significant environmental impacts.

Module 5: Interpretation and Reporting of LCA Results

- Learn techniques for interpreting LCA results, including sensitivity and uncertainty analysis.
- Identify environmental hotspots and key drivers of impact in infrastructure projects.
- Develop clear and concise reports for various audiences and purposes.
- Discuss the use of visualization tools to present complex LCA data.
- Understand the application of LCA findings in decision-making and optimization.

Module 6: LCA for Specific Infrastructure Sectors

- Apply LCA to transportation infrastructure (roads, bridges, railways).
- Conduct LCA for water and wastewater treatment facilities and networks.
- Explore LCA of energy infrastructure (power plants, transmission lines).
- Discuss LCA for urban infrastructure (buildings, public spaces, utilities).
- Analyze sector-specific challenges and data requirements for LCA.

Module 7: Integrating LCA into Design and Decision-Making

- Learn how to incorporate LCA findings into early-stage design decisions.
- Discuss the role of LCA in material selection and procurement strategies.
- Explore the use of LCA for optimizing construction processes and reducing waste.
- Understand how LCA supports sustainable asset management and end-of-life planning.
- Examine the synergy between LCA and other sustainability assessment tools.

Module 8: Advanced Topics and Future Trends in LCA for Infrastructure

- Explore the integration of social and economic aspects (LCC, S-LCA) with environmental LCA.
- Discuss the application of BIM (Building Information Modeling) in streamlining LCA data.
- Examine the role of digital twins and AI in real-time LCA and performance monitoring.
- Understand the concept of circularity metrics within an LCA framework.
- Look at emerging research and future directions for LCA in the built environment.

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.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

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Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
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