

Creative and Critical Thinking for Auditors



2-day Virtual Course





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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Creative Thinking for Auditors explores why creative and critical thinking are essential tools of auditor providence that should be applied throughout all phases of the audit process. The class will discuss personal and organizational challenges to creative thinking and change, and ways to overcome the natural resistance to change for breakthrough ways of seeing root causes of problems and considering new possible solutions. This course will include brain training exercises and tools to get participants to think more abstractly, to look beyond the obvious, to challenge the status quo, and to use process techniques for generating new ideas for action. This class will explore the power of "why" in looking for root causes of problems, and the power of the possible in considering new opportunities and threats for forward-thinking recommendations.

This course is structured as a two-day virtual session, with each day lasting for 4 hours. Attendance on both days is mandatory for participants to qualify for a certificate.



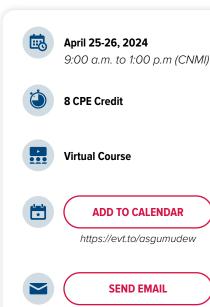
WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- · Describe and discuss the basic concepts of creative thinking
- Eliminate roadblocks and barriers to the use of creative thinking in auditing
- Distinguish between creative and critical thinking and explain their complimentary roles in problem-solving
- · Describe two key stages in applying creative and critical thinking to identify the causes and solutions to problems with performance
- · Use creative thinking principles and tools to boost your output of innovative ideas and identify the real causes of, and best solutions to, organizational problems
- · Apply critical thinking principles and tools to organize, evaluate and prioritize ideas generated by creative thinking



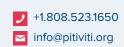
WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is intended for island government accountability professionals in the CNMI. Audit, budget, finance, accounting, and related management will find interest and value in this presentation.



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TUITION FEES

With funding support from the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, courses are available free of charge for government accountability professionals within the insular areas. The course fee is waived and there is no cost to register and attend, Professionals who do not meet the above criteria, please contact info@pitiviti.org.



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COURSE DATE AND TIME

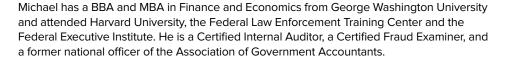
This course will take place virtually from April 25-26, 2024 for particiapants from CNMI.



INSTRUCTORS

Michael Binder

Michael is the Director of the Graduate School USA, Government Audit Training Institute. He's served over forty-two years in federal audit staff, management and executive positions in GAO, the Inspector General community and as Acting Inspector General of the National Endowment for the Arts. As Assistant Inspector General, Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Resource Official/CFO, and Supervisory Forensic Auditor, U.S. EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG), he directed the EPA OIG's internal risk assessment, audit follow-up, audit and investigative planning, budget development and execution, legislative analysis, program evaluation, policy review, performance measurement and financial reporting, human resources, audit peer review, procurement, quality assurance assessments, Hotline, and cost accounting program. He led EPA OIG's strategic planning and pioneered the application of logic models and SWOT Analysis for planning and performance measurement in the OIG, for EPA and the federal IG community. He created the President's Council for Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) Environmental Consortium and chaired the PCIE Government Performance and Results Act Committee.



Michael has been an adjunct professor of management, finance, white-collar crime and auditing since 1975. He is currently a faculty member of the Graduate School USA, the University of Maryland, and a Certified Seminar Leader with Fred Pryor. He has been a guest lecturer/instructor at Salisbury University, George Mason University, University of Michigan, Florida Atlantic University, the Federal Air Marshall Academy, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Council of Inspectors General Training Academy. He is a principal contributor to the development of the University of Maryland's White Collar Crime Certification curriculum. Michael Binder is the Host of the WTOP/Federal News Network weekly radio program "The Search for Accountability." He also created The Montgomery Summer Tennis Camps, published several professional articles and course texts, is a professional orchestra leader including performing at the Kennedy Center and for Presidential Inaugural Balls, and is commissioner of several adult sports leagues.



