CFO Foundations

CertiFi CFO Pathway

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The first step from accountant to finance leader. Over six weekly sessions, live on Zoom or face to face in Abu Dhabi, you move from recording the numbers to running finance: explaining the financial statements to non-finance people, closing the month on time, producing a management pack, budgeting, managing cash and working capital, and presenting to management. Each session has notes and a practical task in the CertiFi Hub, and the programme ends with a case project and an assessment.

On completion, you will be able to:

- Explain the income statement, balance sheet and cash flow, and how they connect, to non-finance managers
- Run a reliable month-end close and produce a short monthly management pack with KPIs
- Build a driver-based budget and analyse variances
- Forecast cash for 13 weeks and manage receivables, inventory and payables
- Present financial results and recommendations confidently to management

Learning outcomes by lesson

1. Welcome: how the programme works

2. Session 1. From accountant to finance leader

3. Session 2. A month-end close you can rely on

4. Session 3. The management pack and KPIs

5. Session 4. Budgeting and variance analysis

6. Session 5. Cash and working capital

7. Session 6. Presenting to management, and your case project