Advanced Change Management in GxP Environments Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Development	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$4,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Integrate an advanced Quality Risk Management (QRM) framework into the entire change lifecycle.
2. Develop and implement a GxP-compliant and risk-based validation strategy for system and process changes.
3. Mitigate complex change resistance and combat change saturation using behavioral science models.
4. Design and execute Organizational Change Management (OCM) plans that drive employee adoption and usage of new GxP processes/systems.
5. Master data integrity principles throughout the change control and management process.
6. Ensure audit readiness by developing robust, traceable documentation and defensible change records.
7. Lead and govern cross-functional change initiatives across global and disparate GxP sites.
8. Implement strategies for Computer Software Assurance (CSA) transition and managing changes to eQMS/LIMS platforms.
9. Apply Root Cause Analysis (RCA) and CAPA processes effectively to resolve change-related deviations and failures.
10. Cultivate a culture of continuous improvement and change agility within the Quality Management System (QMS).
11. Design a tiered Change Control System that differentiates between minor, major, and critical GxP changes.
12. Benchmark and harmonize global change management practices against major regulatory bodies
13. Leverage digital tools and real-time analytics to monitor change progress and measure ROI on change initiatives.

Target Audience

1. Quality Assurance (QA) & Compliance Professionals
2. Validation Engineers & Computer System Validation (CSV) Specialists
3. IT/Informatics Managers

4. Manufacturing & Operations Leaders in GxP facilities
5. Regulatory Affairs Professionals
6. Project Managers
7. Training & Organizational Development (OD) Specialists
8. Senior Leadership/Sponsors

Course Modules

Module 1: The GxP Imperative for Advanced Change Management

- Defining the criticality of change in GxP environments
- Distinguishing between Change Control and Change Management
- Review of major regulatory citations linked to failed changes.
- The role of ICH Q10 on PQS and its expectation for Change Management.
- Case Study: Analyzing a major drug recall caused by an unmanaged equipment change in a GMP facility.

Module 2: Integrating Quality Risk Management (QRM)

- Applying ICH Q9 principles for change-related risk assessment and control.
- Developing a tiered risk classification for minor, major, and critical GxP changes.
- Techniques for risk mitigation, residual risk acceptance, and risk review.
- Documenting the risk rationale to ensure audit defensibility.
- Case Study: Using a FMEA to assess the impact of a process change on product quality and patient safety.

Module 3: Change Readiness and Impact Assessment

- Conducting comprehensive Change Impact Assessments (CIA) on GxP documentation and systems.
- Measuring organizational change readiness and identifying potential resistance hotspots.
- Mapping stakeholder groups and their GxP-specific concerns.
- Designing the appropriate level of OCM intervention based on change complexity.
- Case Study: Assessing the organizational impact of migrating a legacy paper-based system to a new eQMS.

Module 4: Developing a Strategic OCM Plan in GxP

- Utilizing recognized change models tailored for a regulated setting.
- Creating a compelling GxP business case for change that links to quality and patient outcomes.
- Structuring the change team.
- Developing and tracking key Adoption and Usage Metrics
- Case Study: Planning the rollout of a global Computer System Validation (CSV) overhaul across multiple international sites.

Module 5: Strategic Communications for GxP Changes

- Developing a Communication Strategy that addresses the 'What' and 'Why' of regulatory change.
- Overcoming the fear of change through clear, transparent, and consistent messaging.
- Tailoring communications for different audiences
- Managing the communication lifecycle from pre-change to post-go-live.
- Case Study: Communicating a significant change to SOPs and batch records that impacts daily operations on the manufacturing floor.

Module 6: Managing Change Saturation and Fatigue

- Identifying organizational signs and symptoms of Change Saturation in regulated teams.
- Developing a Change Portfolio Management process for GxP projects.
- Techniques for prioritization, sequencing, and pacing of multiple concurrent changes.
- Empowering supervisors to support their teams through periods of high change.
- Case Study: An organization struggles with low adoption after simultaneously implementing a new ERP and updating its GxP training system.

Module 7: Data Integrity and the Change Control Process

- Ensuring ALCOA+ principles are maintained throughout the change lifecycle.
- Reviewing change requests for potential impact on audit trails and data governance.
- Strategies for managing Data Migration and archival in a compliant manner.
- Validation of data integrity controls post-change implementation.
- Case Study: A proposed software patch to an analytical instrument's software system poses a risk to the integrity of raw data.

Module 8: Computer System Validation (CSV) & Computer Software Assurance (CSA) Changes

- The impact of new FDA CSA guidance on change management processes.
- Adopting a risk-based validation approach for COTS and GxP systems.
- Streamlining the change control process for minor, non-GxP critical software updates.
- Developing defensible Validation Plans and Traceability Matrices for systems changes.
- Case Study: Managing the change and validation process for upgrading a Cloud-based **LIMS** platform.

Module 9: Global Harmonization of Change Management

- Navigating the differences in regional regulatory requirements
- Developing a Global Change Management Framework for multi-site organizations.
- Ensuring consistent application of quality standards and procedures across international boundaries.
- Managing change in a globalized supply chain and contract manufacturing (CMO) network.
- Case Study: A global pharmaceutical company attempts to standardize its deviation management process across all EU and US sites.

Module 10: Root Cause Analysis (RCA) and CAPA for Change Failures

- Applying RCA methodologies to change-related deviations.
- Developing robust Corrective and Preventive Actions to prevent recurrence of change failures.
- Integrating lessons learned from closed change CAPAs back into the QMS and change process.
- Tracking the effectiveness of CAPA and its linkage to improved GxP outcomes.
- Case Study: A process change unexpectedly leads to a rise in product deviations; the team must conduct an RCA to find the systemic flaw in the change process.

Module 11: Training and Competency in a Change-Ready Organization

- Designing role-based GxP training plans for new processes and systems.
- Ensuring and documenting employee competency and qualification post-change.
- Leveraging e-learning and modern training technologies for effective GxP content delivery.
- Integrating change training with the Learning Management System (LMS).
- Case Study: A company introduces a new electronic batch record (EBR) system, requiring all manufacturing operators to be re-qualified on the new procedure.

Module 12: Change Sponsorship and Leadership Accountability

- Defining the critical roles and accountabilities of executive sponsors in GxP change.
- Strategies for leaders to actively and visibly champion the change and manage resistance.
- Coaching GxP middle managers to be effective change communicators and advocates.
- Linking Change Management metrics to leadership performance appraisals.
- Case Study: The executive sponsor's lack of visible support causes a critical quality system upgrade to stall due to employee apathy and resistance.

Module 13: Audit Readiness and Regulatory Inspection

- Preparing Change Control documentation for both internal and external GxP audits.
- How to effectively present the change rationale and risk assessment to an inspector.
- Anticipating auditor questions regarding change impact and validation.
- Mock audit simulation focused on the Change Control and OCM documentation trail.
- Case Study: A company must defend its decision to implement a significant, high-risk change during a PAI by the FDA.

Module 14: Tools and Templates for the Advanced Change Manager

- Practical use of Change Request (CR) forms and required GxP data fields.
- Developing a Stakeholder Analysis Matrix and a Change Impact Assessment (CIA) Template.
- Creating an OCM project dashboard using simple, effective metrics.
- Leveraging eQMS functionality for digital change workflow management and approval.
- Case Study: Working through a complete, simulated change package from initial request to final closure and post-implementation review.

Module 15: Sustaining Change and Continuous Improvement

- Developing a post-implementation review (PIR) process for GxP changes.
- Embedding new processes and behaviors into the Quality Culture for sustainability.
- Establishing a Change Network for ongoing process monitoring.
- Transitioning the change initiative into Business-as-Usual (BAU) operations.
- Case Study: A successful system implementation starts to regress back to old manual processes after the dedicated change team is disbanded.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
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Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

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
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$0
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