

Sensory Evaluation in Product Reformulation Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Food processing and Technology	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

Sensory evaluation has become a pivotal tool in the food, beverage, and consumer goods industries, allowing organizations to make data-driven decisions in product reformulation. By systematically assessing the taste, texture, aroma, appearance, and overall consumer perception, businesses can ensure that new or modified products meet market expectations while maintaining regulatory compliance. Sensory Evaluation in Product Reformulation Training Course equips participants with the knowledge and practical skills to conduct structured sensory evaluations and integrate results into product development processes effectively.

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the principles and importance of sensory evaluation in product reformulation.
2. Identify and apply key sensory attributes in product testing.
3. Develop structured sensory testing protocols for various products.
4. Analyze sensory data using statistical and qualitative methods.
5. Integrate consumer insights into product development strategies.
6. Evaluate product performance against competitor benchmarks.
7. Implement effective descriptive and discriminative sensory tests.
8. Recognize and minimize sensory bias in product evaluation.
9. Optimize ingredient combinations for taste, texture, and aroma.
10. Ensure regulatory and quality compliance in sensory assessments.
11. Apply trending sensory tools and software for product development.
12. Conduct shelf-life sensory testing and stability evaluations.
13. Develop actionable sensory reports to guide reformulation decisions.

Organizational Benefits

- Improved product quality and consistency.
- Reduced time and cost in product development.
- Enhanced customer satisfaction and loyalty.
- Competitive advantage in the market.
- Data-driven decision-making in product reformulation.
- Increased cross-functional collaboration in R&D.
- Identification of potential product failures before launch.
- Streamlined sensory evaluation protocols.
- Improved regulatory compliance and reporting.
- Greater alignment with consumer preferences.

Target Audiences

1. R&D Scientists and Technologists
2. Quality Assurance and Quality Control Professionals
3. Product Development Managers
4. Sensory Analysts
5. Food and Beverage Technologists
6. Marketing and Consumer Insights Professionals
7. Regulatory and Compliance Specialists
8. Innovation and Strategy Teams

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Sensory Evaluation

- Fundamentals of sensory science
- Types of sensory evaluation
- Role of sensory analysis in product reformulation
- Common sensory attributes: taste, aroma, texture, appearance
- Overview of sensory panels
- Case Study: Reformulating a beverage for improved sweetness perception

Module 2: Sensory Testing Methodologies

- Discriminative tests: triangle and duo-trio
- Descriptive analysis techniques
- Affective and consumer preference tests
- Selection and training of panelists
- Test environment and sample preparation
- Case Study: Conducting a consumer panel for a snack product

Module 3: Statistical Analysis in Sensory Evaluation

- Basic statistical concepts for sensory data
- Data visualization and interpretation
- ANOVA and multivariate analysis
- Software tools for sensory data analysis
- Drawing actionable insights from results
- Case Study: Statistical comparison of two chocolate formulations

Module 4: Sensory Bias and Panelist Management

- Sources of sensory bias
- Panelist selection and screening
- Training techniques to reduce variability
- Monitoring panelist performance
- Ethical considerations in sensory testing
- Case Study: Reducing bias in a dairy product reformulation

Module 5: Product Reformulation Strategies

- Identifying reformulation objectives
- Ingredient selection and optimization
- Balancing taste, texture, and aroma
- Aligning reformulation with consumer expectations
- Testing iterative formulations
- Case Study: Reformulating a low-sodium soup

Module 6: Consumer Insights and Market Trends

- Collecting and analyzing consumer feedback
- Sensory preference segmentation
- Emerging trends in taste and texture

- Aligning product changes with market demands
- Incorporating sensory insights into marketing
- Case Study: Leveraging consumer data for beverage reformulation

Module 7: Shelf-life and Stability Testing

- Sensory evaluation over product shelf-life
- Identifying sensory degradation patterns
- Packaging and storage effects on sensory properties
- Predictive shelf-life modeling
- Quality control during product lifecycle
- Case Study: Evaluating flavor stability in a reformulated juice

Module 8: Reporting and Application of Sensory Data

- Structuring sensory evaluation reports
- Translating data into actionable recommendations
- Communicating results to cross-functional teams
- Documenting sensory findings for regulatory compliance
- Using sensory insights in strategic product decisions
- Case Study: Presenting reformulation results to management

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with real-world examples
- Hands-on sensory panel exercises
- Data analysis workshops using industry-standard tools
- Group discussions and peer learning activities
- Case study analysis for practical application
- Continuous assessment and feedback

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

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

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

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	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
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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