Course Overview
This course combines the Institute’s *Introduction to the Balanced Scorecard* and the *Advanced Balanced Scorecard* courses into a fast-paced five-day course. The Institute’s *Nine Steps to Success*™ framework is the basis of the course, where the emphasis is on shared participant experiences, lessons learned, and best practices. Small-group exercises are used for each step in the framework to reinforce the lectures, and participants are encouraged to bring their organization’s strategic planning material to share with the class and receive instructor feedback offline as time permits.

Topics covered by the course include:

- Basic concepts of the balanced scorecard and how it can be used to improve organization performance
- How the balanced scorecard applies to different types of organizations
- How to build and implement a balanced scorecard using the Institute’s award-winning nine-step methodology
- How to develop meaningful performance measures and targets
- How a system can drive a performance-informed budget and accountability
- How to get performance information throughout the organization to better inform decision making through scorecard automation
- How to cascade the scorecard to all levels of an organization
- How to design and implement a scorecard where other frameworks have already been introduced
- How to revise poorly designed scorecard elements
- How to overcome obstacles and real world challenges
- How to evaluate planning documents and processes

Who Should Attend
This course is recommended for executives, managers, planners and analysts who are part of a balanced scorecard development team and are seeking the best practical ideas for improving organizational performance.

Course Benefits
Participants will understand key concepts of the balanced scorecard, and why it is gaining so much attention in corporate, nonprofit, and governmental organizations. Participants will learn a systematic, nine-step methodology for building and implementing the balanced scorecard, based on the performance management theory developed at Harvard University and the Institute’s international balanced scorecard consulting experience. Participants will receive a *Performance Scorecard Toolkit*™ with worksheets for each step of the methodology, and a flash drive with course and reference material and a copy of *The Institute Way*, the Institute’s premier strategic planning book.
Hands-On Training
Through case studies and a series of interactive small-group workshops, participants will apply the balanced scorecard concepts to meet the challenges facing a typical organization. Exercises performed throughout this course include:

- Launching a BSC program and establishing work teams
- Incorporating communications planning and change management into the scorecard development process
- Use an organizational assessment to set vision, mission, and strategy
- Understand who your customers and stakeholders are and what they need from your organization
- Develop an organization's strategic themes, strategic results, and perspectives
- Develop and refine strategic objectives and strategy maps
- Develop and refine performance measures and targets, aligned to strategy
- Develop & prioritize new initiatives to execute strategy
- Sustain the scorecard with a Strategy Management Office
- Define enterprise performance information requirements and select software

Feedback from past participants:

"...the BSC program was one of the best professional development experiences I've ever had."

“I loved the case study exercises!”

"Very useful charts and checklists to evaluate the process of developing performance measures."

"...the case study was very supportive of understanding the process of developing and mapping strategy."

"...very practical – an easy step-by-step process that is easy to follow and implement."

"...good information on what we need to do at our respective workplaces to effectively cascade the balanced scorecard."

Course Learning Objectives

Building a Balanced Scorecard System
Topics: the evolution of measurement and strategic management systems; the history of the balanced scorecard; reasons for adopting a balanced scorecard system; the Institute’s Nine Steps to Success™ framework; the six steps needed to build a scorecard system and the three steps needed to implement these systems; how to contribute and lead a balanced scorecard team; scorecard system components and how each component contributes to a management system.

Implementing a Balanced Scorecard
Topics: how to implement a scorecard system; how to automate the scorecard system; how to cascade the scorecard system to business and support units, and to teams and individuals; how to evaluate the management system; how to use scorecard information to improve performance.

Communication, Change Management and Facilitation
Topics: how interactive communications and engaged leadership are key components of the scorecard development process; how to plan for and implement change; recognition, rewards, and incentives in scorecard systems, techniques of facilitation; how to facilitate scorecard development workshops.

Advanced Scorecard Development & Implementation
Topics: advanced techniques for scorecard program planning; change management; organization assessment; developing strategic objectives and strategy mapping; performance measurement identification, definition, evaluation and visualization; strategic initiative identification and prioritization; building or revising a scorecard in a scenario where other planning models exist; scorecard and strategic plan evaluation and analysis; and managing and sustaining a scorecard system.

For a complete course outline, visit www.balancedscorecard.org.