About Our Instructors

Mike Withka, Senior Strategy Manager and Lean Coach

Mike joined MRC in 2001 as a Lean Manufacturing Consultant and brings MRC clients more than 20 years of manufacturing experience within various industries. A former operations director, manager, supervisor and production engineer, Mike focuses his efforts on production system design, strategic lean transformations, team coaching, leadership mentoring, training program design and training workshop facilitation.

Gene Kaschak, Strategy Manager and Lean Coach

Gene has been a Lean Coach with MRC since 2014, bringing with him a diverse background in product development, manufacturing engineering, maintenance leadership, information technology, and continuous improvement facilitation. With experience in the consumer electronics industry, Gene approaches all his projects with a strong customer-focused perspective. His history of leading organizational change management activities and developing training programs further illustrates his versatility.

Angie Bove, Strategy Manager, Training & Development

Angie leads MRC’s People and Culture Development Programs that help to cultivate the required personal and team skills to drive enterprise-wide improvements. Angie’s areas of focus include leadership training, customer service training, interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, and team building skills. She brings twenty years of experience from various organizations including utility companies, call centers and manufacturing. Angie is certified by the Training Within Industry Institute to provide structured Job Instruction training and implementation.

Mike Hoseus, Author, Executive Director, CQPO

Mike Hoseus is Executive Director of the Center for Quality People & Organizations (CQPO). Mike brings both manufacturing operations and specialization in Human Resource experience to CQPO. CQPO current projects with Toyota include New Hire selection and training process, Team Leader and Group Leader post promotion training, Quality Circle Leader and Manager training, and Global Problem Solving for all levels. Mike is an adjunct professor with the University of Kentucky’s Lean Manufacturing Program. Mike is co-author with CQPO and Dr. Jeffrey Liker (Author of the Toyota Way) of Toyota Culture. Mike is also president of CMH Inc.

Lean Master Certification Program

Lean strengthens your business. It engages your culture to constantly improve; saving time, money, and resources.

- All sessions will be held at MRC’s training center or at local manufacturers, which will include real-life applications to enhance your learning experience.
- MRC’s training programs can be customized to your company’s specific needs and offered at your facility using “Learn and Experience” methods. To learn more, please contact: Liz Wildman, Program & Design Specialist at (484) 241-7057 or liz.wildman@mrcpa.org.

Funding subsidies may apply. Please contact Diane Lewis at (610) 628-4578 or email her at: Diane.lewis@mrcpa.org to see if you qualify.

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MRC’s Lean Master Certification

Facilitated by MRC’s Lean coaches and nationally recognized Lean experts, the Lean Master Certification Program develops the change management skills of those responsible for creating and managing an internal Lean Enterprise program.

“As a manufacturer in the greater Reading / Lehigh Valley area, we turn to MRC to provide our associates Lean Manufacturing training and skills necessary to continuously improve our processes and keep our business cost competitive. MRC does a terrific job at offering custom and standard programs that are tailored to the specific needs of today’s manufacturers, and we are proud to partner with them for this training.” - Tom Morse, Plant Manager, Novipax

Cost: $4,995
Early registration $4,495 by Nov. 18th, 2019 ($7,500 value if purchased separately)

- Includes materials, continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages
- Includes 2 offsite sessions hosted at local manufacturers

2020 Schedule

- Week 1: January 14 – 15, 2020
- Week 2: January 28 – 29, 2020
- Week 3: February 11 – 12, 2020
- Week 4: February 25 – 26, 2020
- Week 5: March 10 – 11, 2020
- Week 6: April 14 – 15, 2020*
- Week 7: May 18 – 20, 2020*
- Wrap Up: June 2, 2020

In the event that sessions need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the follow makeup days have also been scheduled:
- January 16, 2020
- January 30, 2020
- February 13, 2020
- February 27, 2020
- March 12, 2020

All sessions run 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Dates subject to change
*Hosted at a local manufacturer

Lean Master Certification Includes the Following Four Modules:

- Building Process Stability
  - Lean Enterprise Overview
  - Defining Current State
  - Standard Work
  - 5S Workplace Organization
  - Communication

- Building Lean Culture
  - Interpersonal Skills
  - Coaching Skills (Kata)
  - Team Building
  - Job Methods
  - Change Management

- Lean Management Systems
  - Leadership Standard Work
  - Visual Displays
  - Process Checks
  - Gemba Walk

- Structured Problem Solving
  - Plan, Do, Check, Act (PDCA)
  - A3 Problem Solving
  - Kaizen Breakthrough Events
  - Kata Daily Improvements

MRC’s Lean Master training also includes discussions and coaching of Advanced Lean Tools such as:
- Total Preventative Maintenance (TPM), Setup Reduction, Flow Tools (Cell/Pull), and Hoshin/Policy Deployment

Previous Lean Master Program Event Hosts:
- Bosch Rexroth
- Kitchen Magic
- Brentwood
- Hindle Power
- Cambridge-Lee
- Samuel Adams
- Crayola
- Highwood USA
- Stanley Black & Decker

Recommended For:
- Lean Practitioners
- Supervisors
- CI Professionals
- Senior Leaders
- Manufacturing Engineers
- Enterprise Support Personnel
- Area Leaders
- Managers
- Office Managers
- Plant Managers

Certification Requirements
- Participate in all workshops
- Complete an individual Lean project

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