

Intro to A3 Thinking

Offered as part of the Lean Practitioner Certification



Your instructor:

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"This workshop was a real, practical application of the material and topics. Great experience with both Learner and Coach roles. Instructor was extremely knowledgeable about the subject!"

Bill Ayotte
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A3 Thinking is a versatile continuous improvement and project management tool. It allows its users to align, coach, report, and share. It can be used to create a structure for managing problem-solving, process improvement, and process transformation; any work big or small.

Like all Lean tools it provides a structure to learn, gain new skills and apply them to achieve your business' objectives.

Course Objectives:

Understand A3 Thinking as a structure of learning and managing work

- Understand what an A3 & A3 Thinking is
- Understand the four phases of managing work: Chartering, Planning, Executing & Closing
- Learn how to write & recognize a good A3
- Relate A3 Thinking to the current state of your organization

Who Should Attend:

- Anyone involved with leading improvement efforts
- Anyone involved with coaching/mentoring others who will lead improvement efforts

Participants are asked to bring (optional):

The following will be used for personal reflection, and will only be shared if you deem it appropriate.

- A copy of any A3 template used at their organizations
- Examples of any past A3s they have completed

Thursday, October 21, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fee: **MA members:** \$335 per person **Non-MA members:** \$435 per person
Receive a 10% discount if you register 14 days prior to the event.

Location: **Manufacturers Alliance Training Center**
8421 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 190
Golden Valley, MN 55426
(For directions and map go to www.mfrall.com)

Register: Registration is required. Reserve on-line at www.mfrall.com, click on Workshops by 3:00 pm on October 19, 2021. **Your satisfaction is guaranteed.**

Cancellation Policy: **No refunds** for cancellations after 3:00 pm October 19, 2021, or for no-shows at workshop. (*Substitutions accepted*)