

**CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATE  
(Time-Based)**

**APPENDIX A**

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This training outline is a minimum standard for Work Processes and Related Instruction. Changes in technology and regulations may result in the need for additional on-the-job or classroom training.

**WORK PROCESSES**

	<b>Approximate Hours</b>
<b>A. Safety and Workplace Orientation</b>	<b>50</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Follow employer-specific safety procedures around things such as: workstations, machinery, equipment.</li><li>2. Recognize and minimize potential hazards (if applicable).</li><li>3. Adhere to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) General Industry safety standards (if applicable).</li><li>4. Maintain clean workspace.</li><li>5. Demonstrate awareness of First Aid, CPR, and bloodborne pathogens (if applicable).</li><li>6. Complete all employer-specific “onboarding”.</li></ul>	
<b>B. The Continuous Improvement Blueprint</b>	<b>500</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Describe Continuous Improvement (CI).</li><li>2. Learn employer’s Operations Management System (OMS):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. What is it?</li><li>b. What does it do?</li><li>c. What is its goal?</li></ul></li><li>3. Develop an understanding of workplace culture; describe its elements; describe process of moving from a state of cultural “unawareness” to embedded cultural change.</li><li>4. Describe the difference between a Lean Production Model and the Classical Management Model.</li><li>5. Learn and define the “8 types of waste”.</li></ul>	
<b>C. Continuous Improvement Methodology: Cell Formatting/Redesign</b>	<b>1450</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Learn, understand, and explain the mission and goals of CI.</li></ul>	

2. (a) Learn and perform value stream mapping; define the rationale for a value stream map;(b) construct a current-state map, including at minimum process material movement, information flow, push and pull, inventory and process time, apply Lean Guidelines, draw Future-State Map.
3. Perform Process Mapping: include common elements, such as tasks and activities, decision points, cycle times, work in process, sequence, loops, travel/distance, yield/scrap.
4. Define and calculate Takt Time.
5. Perform a Product-Quality Analysis.
6. Compose a Process-at-a-glance chart.
7. Construct a Process Matrix, with special attention to “Star Part”.
8. Draw a Part Spaghetti Chart.

**D. Continuous Improvement Methodology: Standard Work 1000**

1. Conduct Time Observation(s): observe, record task(s), and time of person's actual work.
2. Perform a Capacity Analysis.
3. Create a Standard Work Combination Sheet.
4. Draw a Standard Work Sheet: outline work path of operator(s).
5. Use an Operator Bar Chart to compare actual task cycle time to Takt Time; plot manual, automatic, walking, and set-up time for each operation as it pertains to material/workflow.
6. Calculate the Standard Work In Process (SWIP); combine to create a SWIP & Operators Calculation.

**E. Continuous Improvement Methodology: Other CI Tools 1000**

1. Understand major components of Visual Workplace/Factory/etc.
  - a. Equipment (such as printers, computers, servers)
  - b. Tooling (such as templates, checklists, standard operating procedures)
  - c. People
  - d. Product(s)

2. Conduct a 5S Evaluation: assess work areas' Sort, Straighten, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain components and assign a rating.
3. Perform a Setup Reduction. Compose a Set-Up Bar Chart and Set-Up Observation Analysis Sheet.
4. Use Mistake-Proofing to improve quality by identifying root cause of defects, then take steps to eliminate defect(s).
5. Learn elements of a Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) System; implement steps to maximize productive time and minimize shutdowns requiring maintenance.
6. Evaluate workflow to determine if a Pull System is in place.

**Approximate Total Hours      4000**

*Apprenticeship work processes are applicable only to training curricula for apprentices in approved programs. Apprenticeship work processes have no impact on classification determinations under Article 8 or 9 of the Labor Law. For guidance regarding classification for purposes of Article 8 or 9 of the Labor Law, please refer to <https://dol.ny.gov/public-work-and-prevailing-wage>*

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## APPENDIX B

### RELATED INSTRUCTION

#### **Safety, Health and The Workplace**

1. General Workplace Safety
2. Proper Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (if applicable)
3. OSHA 10 Hour for General Industry (if applicable)
4. Right-to-Know/Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
5. First Aid & CPR (6.5 hours minimum) (if applicable)
6. Sexual Harassment Prevention Training – MUST comply with Section 201-g of the Labor Law

#### **Trade Theory, Trade Science, and Trade Skills**

1. Workplace Culture – Mission & Goals
2. Waste – manufacturing and/or support/administrative processes
  - a. Cell Formation/Redesign
    - i. Takt Time Calculation(s)
    - ii. Product Quantity (P-Q) Analysis
    - iii. Process Matrix
    - iv. Process-at-a-glance
    - v. Part Spaghetti Chart
  - b. Standard Work
    - i. Time Observations
    - ii. Capacity Analysis
    - iii. Standard Work Combination Sheet
    - iv. Standard Work Sheet
    - v. Operator Bar Chart
    - vi. Standard Work In Process (SWIP)
  - c. Other CI Tools
    - i. Visual Controls
    - ii. 5S Evaluation
    - iii. Red Tag

- iv. Setup Reduction
- v. Mistake Proofing
- vi. Total Productive Maintenance (TPM)
- vii. Pull Systems

3. Lean Philosophy

**Additional Topics As Necessary**

A minimum of 144 hours of Related Instruction are required for each Apprentice for each year.

Appendix B topics are approved by New York State Education Department.