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Driving Impact for Manufacturers

MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE

Professional Development Program

6-Week Professional Development Program

Are you ready to accelerate your company's journey towards manufacturing excellence? Elevate the professional skills of your team with the latest body of knowledge and test requirements for the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Bronze Certificate.

Winter 2026 Training
Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar 4
8:00am-12:00pm

SME Lean Bronze Test Prep/Exam
Mar 11 & 12
Exam Date: Mar 12
8:00am-4:00pm

LOCATION:
Allegheny Lab for Innovation & Creativity
764 Bessemer Street, Meadville

$3395
(includes books & materials, exam prep, and exam fee)

Early-bird discount available.
Also, 15% discount if registering 3 or more.

Who should participate?

Manufacturers looking to transform their companies by investing in supervisors, managers, team leaders, and other high potential and motivated Individuals.

What will you learn?

During this intensive program, participants will learn and apply the essential elements of Lean, specifically how to implement them to initiate transformational change. The program combines interactive activities, real-world problem solving, classroom instruction, proven strategies that can be immediately applied, *and* solid preparation for SME Lean Bronze testing. Reading requirements include: *Gemba Kaizen*, *Lean Production Simplified*, and *The Toyota Way* (books included).

How will you benefit?

Participants will:

- gain hands-on experience, professional mentoring, and expanded portfolios.
- earn nationally recognized certificates and credentials:
  -SME LB Certificate (with passing score on exam)
  - SME LB Certification (with portfolio completion)

Manufacturing Firms will:

- accelerate their progress toward implementation of operational excellence, regardless of starting point
- engage more employees in improving company performance
- bolster reputation as an employer of choice for top talent
- benefit from ROI from projects implemented by employees trained in OpEx tools (typical results = $10k+ per project)

Facilitator
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For more information and register:
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