



TRANSFORM
THE WAY YOU DO
BUSINESS WITH
LEAN CERTIFICATION

Earning my **Lean Gold Certification** has changed the way I approach organizational transformation. Now I ask the important questions to make sure we're aligned with our organization's strategy and goals. This has helped to eliminate redundancy and unnecessary steps. Lean principle-based thinking enables me to drive continuous improvement while keeping us on budget and meeting customer commitments in a constantly changing marketplace.

Chad Vincent, LGC, Director of Lean,
American Railcar Industries



SMARTER WAY OF DOING BUSINESS

Lean Certification enables individuals to apply the principles, systems and tools that improve efficiency and drive results. Businesses will benefit from increased quality, less waste, better productivity and more, resulting in a stronger bottom line.

The **Lean Certification** program provides a lifelong learning path that has allowed me to grow personally and professionally. I'm able to bring significant value to the organization through continuous improvement.

Jim Garrick, LSC, Manager, Operational
Excellence, FedEx Trade Networks

Lean Certification is offered at three levels – Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

Apply for the level that best matches your professional role, knowledge, and experience.

Lean Bronze Certification

Master the fundamentals of lean from a tactical perspective.

Learn how to apply lean principles, concepts, and methods within a work cell, work group, or value stream. Earning your Lean Bronze Certification demonstrates your solid understanding of basic lean principles and tools, and your ability to apply tactical implementation to drive improvement and show measurable results.

Lean Silver Certification

Integrate your lean knowledge with leadership experience.

Lean Silver Certification represents your career progression and advanced knowledge and responsibility as you become a senior employee and team leader. At this level, mentoring/coaching is required which confirms your ability to lead and mentor a team in the preparation, design, and execution of a value stream.

Lean Gold Certification

Transform an enterprise with strategic lean principles.

Lean Gold Certification recognizes your education and training in all aspects of lean transformation across an entire enterprise. It represents career progression to a point of influence and authority over assets, processes, and people.

EARN YOUR LEAN CERTIFICATION

- ▶ Visit sme.org/leancert
- ▶ Read and watch recommended material and videos
- ▶ Participate in a review program
- ▶ Apply for certification
- ▶ Schedule and take your exam
- ▶ Complete your education and training requirements
- ▶ Submit your Portfolio or Accomplishment Record



The techniques I learned through obtaining my **Lean Silver Certification** have made me a more effective employee. I'm better equipped to identify potential challenges and how to avoid or overcome them.

Mikala Windham, LSC,
Senior Operations Program Manager,
United Technologies Aerospace Systems

THE LEAN CERTIFICATION ALLIANCE

The industry-leading Lean Certification program is the result of a partnership among three leading non-profit organizations that collectively set the standard for operational excellence and an improved workforce. The Lean Certification Alliance – Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME), Shingo Institute, and SME – draws on their collective experience and the proven practices of thousands of individuals to provide continuous improvement practitioners in-depth access to the latest lean and continuous improvement thinking and best practices.



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