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Why Attend

Executive assistants and administrative secretaries play a vital role in supporting senior management, coordinating organisational activities, maintaining effective communication, and ensuring the efficient operation of executive offices. Their responsibilities extend far beyond traditional secretarial duties to include executive coordination, information management, meeting administration, stakeholder communication, and confidential business support.

In today's demanding business environment, executive support professionals are expected to demonstrate exceptional organisational skills, sound judgement, discretion, technological proficiency, and the ability to manage competing priorities. They must anticipate executive requirements, coordinate complex schedules, prepare professional correspondence, and maintain administrative continuity under pressure.

The increasing adoption of digital workplace technologies, remote collaboration tools, and artificial intelligence has further transformed executive administration. Modern executive assistants must combine strong interpersonal and communication skills with digital efficiency, information security awareness, and proactive problem-solving capabilities.

However, administrative professionals frequently encounter challenges involving excessive workloads, conflicting deadlines, inefficient office procedures, communication breakdowns, and the management of sensitive information. Addressing these challenges requires structured administrative practices, effective planning techniques, and a professional approach to executive support.

The Executive Assistant Secretary Administration course provides participants with the practical knowledge, professional techniques, and administrative competencies required to support executives and senior management effectively.

Participants explore executive office management, business communication, diary and travel coordination, meeting administration, document control, professional etiquette, stakeholder management, digital productivity, and administrative problem-solving.

Through practical exercises, workplace simulations, and realistic executive office scenarios, participants develop the confidence and capabilities needed to deliver reliable, proactive, and high-quality executive administrative support.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

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• Disorganised executive schedules and competing priorities: Applying structured diary management, task prioritisation, and executive coordination techniques to improve time efficiency.

• Ineffective administrative communication: Developing professional correspondence, accurate message handling, and effective communication with internal and external stakeholders.

• Poor meeting preparation and follow-up: Establishing reliable procedures for scheduling meetings, preparing agendas, recording minutes, and monitoring agreed actions.

• Inconsistent document and information management: Implementing organised filing, document control, recordkeeping, and information retrieval practices.

• Difficulty managing confidential executive information: Strengthening professional discretion, information security awareness, and responsible handling of sensitive records.

• Inefficient administrative workflows: Using digital productivity tools, standardised procedures, and practical automation techniques to reduce repetitive tasks.

• Limited confidence in executive-level interactions: Developing professional etiquette, interpersonal effectiveness, problem-solving abilities, and proactive executive support skills.

Course Methodology

The programme combines instructor-led discussions, practical administrative exercises, executive office simulations, communication workshops, role-playing activities, and realistic workplace case studies.

Participants practise managing executive calendars, preparing correspondence, coordinating meetings, organising business travel, maintaining records, and handling challenging administrative situations.

Practical demonstrations introduce digital office tools, collaborative platforms, electronic document management, and appropriate uses of artificial intelligence to support administrative productivity.

The course emphasises active participation, professional standards, practical problem-solving, and the development of reusable administrative templates and procedures.

Participants are encouraged to apply the techniques to their own working environments and develop a personal improvement plan for executive office administration.

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Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

• Explain the responsibilities and professional standards of executive assistants and administrative secretaries

• Organise executive office activities and manage competing administrative priorities

• Apply effective diary management, scheduling, and time management techniques

• Prepare professional business correspondence and executive communications

• Coordinate meetings, prepare agendas, record minutes, and track follow-up actions

• Organise executive travel, appointments, events, and logistical arrangements

• Establish effective document management and administrative recordkeeping procedures

• Apply confidentiality, professional ethics, and information security principles

• Use digital office applications and productivity tools to improve administrative efficiency

• Communicate confidently with senior executives, colleagues, clients, and external stakeholders

• Resolve common administrative challenges through professional judgement and problem-solving

• Develop a structured executive office administration and productivity improvement plan

Target Audience

This course is suitable for:

• Executive assistants and executive secretaries

• Personal assistants to senior management

• Administrative assistants and office administrators

• Senior secretaries and executive office coordinators

• Office managers and administrative supervisors

• Departmental secretaries and administrative coordinators

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Target Audience

• Board and committee administrative support professionals

• Reception and front office professionals seeking career advancement

• Management support officers and executive liaison personnel

• Professionals preparing for executive administration and secretarial responsibilities

Target Competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

• Executive office organisation and administration

• Diary management and executive scheduling

• Business writing and professional correspondence

• Meeting coordination and minute-taking

• Travel planning and event administration

• Document control and records management

• Confidentiality and administrative ethics

• Digital office productivity and workflow management

• Executive communication and stakeholder relations

• Administrative problem-solving and professional effectiveness

Course outline

Day 1: Executive Assistant Roles, Professional Standards and Office Organisation

• Understanding the evolving role of executive assistants and administrative secretaries in supporting organisational leadership, management effectiveness, and business operations

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• Defining executive support responsibilities, reporting relationships, professional boundaries, accountability, and expectations of senior management

• Establishing effective executive office procedures, administrative routines, task tracking systems, and service standards

• Applying time management and prioritisation techniques to manage urgent requests, conflicting deadlines, interruptions, and changing executive requirements

• Developing professional conduct, workplace etiquette, confidentiality, discretion, reliability, and a proactive executive support mindset

• Practical workshop: Designing an executive office administration system incorporating daily priorities, task registers, scheduling procedures, and administrative performance standards

Day 2: Business Communication, Executive Correspondence and Stakeholder Relations

• Developing effective written and verbal communication skills for professional interactions with executives, colleagues, clients, and external stakeholders

• Preparing business emails, official letters, memoranda, notices, briefing notes, and administrative reports using clear and appropriate professional language

• Managing executive telephone calls, messages, enquiries, and correspondence through accurate screening, prioritisation, and follow-up

• Applying active listening, questioning, interpersonal communication, and professional diplomacy when handling sensitive or challenging situations

• Understanding communication protocols, cultural awareness, professional etiquette, and the management of executive relationships

• Hands-on exercise: Preparing executive correspondence, responding to challenging communication scenarios, and developing a structured stakeholder communication protocol

Day 3: Executive Scheduling, Meeting Administration and Travel Coordination

• Managing executive diaries, appointments, calendars, reminders, and scheduling conflicts through systematic planning and prioritisation

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• Coordinating internal and external meetings, including invitations, attendance confirmation, venue arrangements, virtual meeting access, and supporting documentation

• Preparing professional meeting agendas, briefing packs, attendance records, minutes, resolutions, and action tracking documents

• Applying effective minute-taking techniques to capture decisions, responsibilities, deadlines, and significant discussion points accurately

• Organising executive business travel, including itineraries, accommodation, transport, travel documentation, meeting schedules, and contingency arrangements

• Practical simulation: Coordinating a multi-day executive schedule involving meetings, business travel, correspondence, urgent requests, and post-meeting follow-up

Day 4: Document Management, Digital Administration and Office Productivity

• Establishing effective document control procedures covering document creation, classification, naming conventions, version control, storage, retrieval, and archiving

• Managing confidential executive files, sensitive correspondence, administrative records, and access permissions in accordance with organisational policies

• Applying Microsoft Office applications and collaborative workplace tools to improve document preparation, scheduling, information sharing, and task coordination

• Exploring digital workflow management, electronic approvals, shared calendars, cloud-based collaboration, and administrative process standardisation

• Understanding practical applications of artificial intelligence for drafting correspondence, summarising information, preparing meeting materials, and organising routine tasks while protecting confidential information

• Technology workshop: Developing a digital executive administration toolkit incorporating document templates, tracking registers, calendar procedures, meeting records, and productivity workflows

Day 5: Executive Support Excellence, Problem-Solving and Administrative Improvement

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• Strengthening proactive executive support through anticipation of management requirements, effective preparation, initiative, and attention to detail

• Applying practical problem-solving and decision-support techniques to administrative disruptions, competing demands, scheduling conflicts, and unexpected operational challenges

• Managing workplace pressure, professional relationships, difficult interactions, and changing priorities while maintaining service quality

• Supporting executive decision-making through accurate information preparation, concise briefing materials, progress tracking, and administrative reporting

• Developing administrative performance indicators, service improvement initiatives, personal development objectives, and continuous professional improvement practices

• Capstone exercise: Developing and presenting a Comprehensive Executive Office Administration Plan incorporating executive scheduling, communication protocols, meeting management, travel coordination, document control, digital productivity tools, confidentiality safeguards, and administrative improvement priorities

Seminar dates

Available seminar dates

Live dates and pricing for Certified Executive Assistant generated from the course details page.

Date	Location	Format	Fee
16 - 20 November 2026	Istanbul - Turkey	Classroom	**€2,280.-**
7 - 11 December 2026	London - U.K	Classroom	**€3,080.-**
14 - 18 December 2026	Rome - Italy	Classroom	**€2,280.-**

Live online option	Online delivery is available at €1,850.-.