## Essentials of HR Certificate Series 4 Total Rewards: Compensation Basics

In today's competitive job market, guesswork, your intuition, or a dartboard aren't the answer to establishing a variable compensation strategy. Gain insight into the "best-practice" process used to set pay that is legally defensible, perceived as fair, and able to attract, retain, engage, and motivate a high-performing workforce. Explore the role of "total rewards," and obtain an overview from compensation professionals on program communication and administration.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Understand the two critical pay policy decisions to apply after compensation philosophy and strategy are established.
- Conduct a job analysis.
- Write useful, legally compliant job descriptions.
- Explain how wage grades are assigned to jobs and salary structures are developed.
- Demonstrate how market pay information helps drive good decisions about employee pay.

#### Prerequisite

This course is a prerequisite for attending the *Compensation Program Design: A Workshop* program.



#### **Learning Options:**

- Classroom training
- At your location

#### Who Should Attend:

- Newcomers to HR
- Those looking to broaden their HR knowledge.

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### **Course Outline**

- Introduce Total Rewards, including compensation, benefits, work experience, and personal development
- Discuss compensation philosophy and strategy
- Review job analysis and documentation
- Understand job evaluations, including internal equity and Equal Pay Act compliance
- Discuss market pricing as external equity
- Explore methods of communicating about compensation

The course was thorough and thoughtfully constructed to cater to a wide variety of knowledge levels. The instruction was great and easy to follow, and questions were encouraged and welcomed.



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