

Improvement Advisor Professional Development Program – Wave 86

Program Structure and Time Commitment

The program is organized into three learning units, each lasting 5–6 weeks.

During these units, participants should reserve the following times for scheduled activities:

- **Tuesdays, 12:00–3:00 PM ET**
- **Thursdays, 12:00–1:00 PM ET**

Activities may include:

- Live interactive calls with faculty and peers
- Project presentations and peer feedback
- Small-group discussions

In addition, participants should plan for 2–3 hours per week of asynchronous learning, which may include:

- Self-paced videos, readings, and assignments

Action Periods

Between learning units, there are 10-week action periods. During these times, participants will:

- Run an improvement project in their own setting, applying program concepts in real time
- Submit monthly progress reports to track learning and impact
- Complete additional assignments, as designated by faculty

Participation Expectations

While the exact mix of activities is still being finalized, these consistent time blocks, combined with project work and reporting, will help ensure participants can fully engage without scheduling conflicts.

To successfully complete the program and, if applicable, qualify for continuing education credit, participants must:

- Attend and actively participate in live online sessions
- Complete required self-paced learning activities
- Submit all graduation assignments
- Submit the post-program evaluation survey within 30 days of the program's

Learning Unit 1

- Use the Model for Improvement to drive improvement in your organization
- Develop a Charter
- Draft a measurement strategy for your project
- Develop a theory of change
- Plan PDSA Cycles to test changes

Session	Date (2026)	Time (ET)
Week 1	Tuesday, March 24	12:00–3:00pm
Week 2	Thursday, April 2	12:00–1:00pm
Week 3	Tuesday, April 7	12:00–3:00pm
Week 3	Thursday, April 9	12:00–1:00pm
Week 4	Tuesday, April 14	12:00–3:00pm
Week 4	Thursday, April 16	12:00–1:00pm
Week 5	Tuesday, April 21	12:00–3:00pm

Week 5	Thursday, April 23	12:00–1:00pm
Week 6	Tuesday, April 28	12:00–3:00pm
Week 6	Thursday, April 30	12:00–1:00pm

Action Period 1

- Make Progress on Projects
- Execute on Improvement Routines

May 1 – July 10, 2026

Learning Unit 2

- Provide constructive feedback on the use of PDSA cycles for improvement
- Develop change ideas using creativity methods
- Use Shewhart Charts to understand the variation in your data
- Create effective visual displays of data

Session	Date (2026)	Time (ET)
Week 1	Tuesday, July 14	12:00–3:00pm
Week 1	Thursday, July 16	12:00-1:00pm

Week 2	Tuesday, July 21	12:00–3:00pm
Week 2	Thursday, July 23	12:00-1:00pm
Week 3	Tuesday, July 28	12:00–3:00pm
Week 3	Thursday, July 30	12:00-1:00pm
Week 4	Tuesday, August 4	12:00–3:00pm
Week 4	Thursday, August 6	12:00-1:00pm
Week 5	Tuesday, August 11	12:00–3:00pm
Week 5	Thursday, August 13	12:00-1:00pm

Action Period 2

- Make Progress on Projects
- Practice selection and design of Shewhart Charts

August 17 – October 23, 2026

Learning Unit 3

- Provide constructive feedback on use of data for improvement
- Apply the concepts of Planned Experimentation to understand the cause-and-effect system producing the outcomes
- Design a Planned Experiment
- Interpret PE Visuals

Session	Date (2026)	Time (ET)
Week 1	Tuesday, October 27	12:00–3:00pm
Week 1	Thursday, October 29	12:00-1:00pm
Week 2	Tuesday, November 3	12:00–3:00pm
Week 2	Thursday, November 5	12:00-1:00pm
Week 3	Tuesday, November 10	12:00–3:00pm
Week 3	Thursday, November 12	12:00-1:00pm
Week 4	Tuesday, November 17	12:00–3:00pm
Week 4	Thursday, November 19	12:00-1:00pm
Week 5	Tuesday, December 1	12:00–3:00pm
Week 5	Thursday, December 3	12:00-1:00pm

Week 6	Tuesday December 15	12:00–3:00pm
Week 6	Thursday, December 17	12:00-1:00pm

Action Period 3

- Make Progress on Projects
- Design and present the plan for a planned experiment

December 23, 2026 – February 5, 2027

Graduation

Session	Date (2027)	Time (ET)
Graduation	Tuesday, February 9	12:00–1:30pm

Holding the Gains

Session	Date (2027)	Time (ET)
Holding the Gains	Tuesday, September 7	12:00–1:30pm