## Basic SPC for Support Processes Course Outline

# **UNIT 1 UNDERSTANDING VARIATION**

#### Lesson 1 | Introduction to Variation

• What variation is and why it's a problem in manufacturing.

#### Lesson 2 | Measuring Variation

• Using a histogram to measure the variation in a process.

#### Lesson 3 | Patterns of Variation

• Types of patterns of variation, what they tell you, and what to do about them.

#### Lesson 4 | Measures of Variation

• Statistical measures of variation: Mean, range, and standard deviation.

## Lesson 5 | Normal Curve

• Properties of the normal curve and the 68, 95, 99.7 rule.

## Lesson 6 | Stability

• The importance of a stable process in manufacturing.

## **Unit Challenge**

• An assessment of the learner's progress in this Unit.

# **UNIT 2 USING CONTROL CHARTS**

#### Lesson 1 - What are Control Charts

• What control charts are and why they are used.

## Lesson 2 | What a Control Chart Looks Like

• Common elements of all control charts.

## Lesson 3 | Interpreting Control Charts and Taking Action

• Out-of-control patterns and what to do when they occur.

## Lesson 4 | Types of Control Charts

• Variable and attribute control charts: Which do you use when?

## Lesson 5 | Using Variable Control Charts

• Calculating and plotting data on variable control charts and interpreting the chart.

# Lesson 6 | Using Attribute Control Charts

• Calculating and plotting data on attribute control charts and interpreting the chart.

#### **Unit Challenge**

• An assessment of the learner's progress in this Unit.

# **UNIT 3 PROCESS CAPABILITY BASICS**

## Lesson 1 | What is Process Capability

• What process capability means and why it's important.

## Lesson 2 | Measuring Process Capability

• The capability ratio, process capability index, and Cpk.

## **Unit Challenge**

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