

Siemens NX CAM (Manufacturing) – Fundamentals to Multi-Axis Programming

Target Audience

This course is intended for manufacturing engineers, CNC programmers, CAM engineers, tool designers, production engineers, process planners, CAD/CAM professionals, and students who want to learn Siemens NX Manufacturing. Learners should have basic knowledge of CNC machining concepts and familiarity with CAD modeling. The course prepares participants to create, verify, optimize, and post-process CNC programs using Siemens NX CAM for industrial manufacturing applications.

Course Outcomes

After completing this course, learners will be able to:

- Understand the Siemens NX Manufacturing environment.
- Configure manufacturing setups and machine coordinate systems.
- Create machining operations for milling and drilling.
- Apply cavity, planar, and contour machining strategies.
- Implement feature-based machining techniques.
- Verify toolpaths using simulation tools.
- Analyze machining results and optimize toolpaths.
- Generate shop documentation and NC output.
- Create machine-specific NC code using post processors.
- Prepare industrial CNC manufacturing programs.

Course Objectives

The course aims to:

- Develop a structured understanding of NX CAM workflows.
- Build proficiency in creating manufacturing setups.
- Teach industrial machining strategies using NX Manufacturing.
- Reinforce programming skills through practical exercises.
- Introduce verification, simulation, and post processing.
- Prepare learners for real-world CNC manufacturing projects.

Course Outline

The course comprises approximately 32 hours of theory and laboratory sessions and is divided into 14 major modules. Each module is followed by hands-on machining exercises to reinforce learning and evaluate practical understanding.

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Module 1 – Manufacturing Process & Setup

- Manufacturing environment overview
- Manufacturing setup creation
- Part and blank definition
- Machine selection
- Manufacturing preferences

Module 2 – Operation Navigator

- Operation Navigator interface
- Program groups
- Geometry groups
- Tool groups
- Method groups

Module 3 – Coordinate Systems

- Manufacturing Coordinate System (MCS)
- Work Coordinate System (WCS)
- Part orientation
- Datum definition
- Coordinate management

Module 4 – Cutting Tools

- Tool library
- Tool creation
- Tool parameters
- Holder definition
- Tool management

Module 5 – Operations & Tool Paths

- Creating operations
- Operation parameters
- Toolpath generation
- Editing operations
- Regenerating toolpaths

Module 6 – Cavity Milling

- Cavity milling basics
- Cut pattern selection
- Step-over settings
- Entry and exit motions
- Toolpath optimization

Module 7 – Planar Milling

- Planar milling operations
- Region machining
- Vertical wall machining
- Floor machining
- Boundary control

Module 8 – Hole Making

- Drilling
- Peck drilling
- Counterboring
- Reaming
- Tapping

Module 9 – Fixed Axis Contouring

- Fixed-axis contouring
- Surface finishing
- Area machining
- Cut direction
- Surface quality optimization

Module 10 – Additional Prismatic Operations

- Face milling
- Text engraving
- Chamfer milling
- Slot machining
- Profile machining

Module 11 – Feature-Based Machining

- Feature recognition
- Automatic feature creation
- Feature machining
- Process templates
- Manufacturing automation

Module 12 – Visualization & Verification

- Toolpath replay
- Material removal simulation
- Collision detection
- Gouge checking
- Toolpath validation

Module 13 – Non-Cutting Moves

- Engage motion
- Retract motion
- Transfer motion
- Clearance settings
- Motion optimization

Module 14 – Shop Documentation & Post Processing

- Tool list generation
- Operation sheets
- NC output
- Post processing
- Program verification