## **Course Outline**



Certified SolidWorks Simulation – 3 days	
Description	This course will provide an in-depth coverage on the basics of Finite Element Analysis (FEA), covering the entire analysis process from meshing to evaluation of results for parts and assemblies. The class discusses linear stress analysis, gap/contact analysis, and best practices.
Prerequisites	Certified SolidWorks Essentials – Part & Assembly Modelling

#### Introduction

What is SolidWorks Simulation?
What Is Finite Element Analysis?
Build Mathematical Model
Build Finite Element Model
Solve Finite Element Model
Analyse Result Errors in FEA
Finite Elements
Degrees of Freedom
Calculations in FEA
Interpretation of FEA Results
Units of Measurement
Limitations of SolidWorks Simulation

#### **Lesson 1: The Analysis Process**

The Analysis Process
Case Study: Stress in a Plate
Project Description
SolidWorks Simulation Options
Pre-processing
Meshing
Post processing
Multiple Studies
Reports

### Lesson 2: Mesh Controls, Stress Concentrations and Boundary Conditions

Mesh Control
Case Study: The L Bracket
Project Description
Case Study: Analysis of Bracket with a
Fillet
Case Study: Analysis of a Welded
Bracket
Understanding the Effect of Boundary
Conditions

# Lesson 3: Assembly Analysis with Contacts

Contact Analysis Case Study: Pliers with Global Contact Pliers with Local Contact

#### Lesson 4: Symmetrical and Free Self-Equilibrated Assemblies

Shrink Fit Parts Case Study: Shrink Fit Project Description Analysis with Soft Springs

# Lesson 5: Assembly Analysis with Connectors

Connecting Components
Connectors

Case Study: Vice Grip Pliers

## Lesson 6: Compatible/Incompatible Meshes

Compatible / Incompatible Meshing Case Study: Rotor

#### Lesson 7: Assembly Analysis Mesh Refinement

Mesh Control in an Assembly Case Study: Cardan Joint Problem Statement Part 1: Draft Quality Coarse Mesh

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Part 2: High Quality Mesh Analysis

### **Lesson 8: Analysis of Thin Components**

Thin Components Case Study: Pulley Part 1: Mesh with Solid Elements

Part 2: Refined Solid Mesh

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Solid vs. Shell

**Creating Shell Elements** 

Part 3: Shell Elements - Mid-plane

Surface

Results Comparison Case Study: Joist Hanger

## Lesson 9: Mixed Meshing Shells & Solids

Mixed Meshing Solids and Shells Case Study: Pressure Vessel

## Lesson 10: Mixed Meshing Solids, Beams &Shells

Mixed Meshing

Case Study: Particle Separator

#### **Lesson 11: Design Scenarios**

Design Study

Case Study: Suspension Design Part 1: Multiple Load Cases Part 2: Geometry Modification

#### **Lesson 12: Thermal Stress Analysis**

Thermal Stress Analysis
Case Study: Bimetallic Strip
Examining Results in Local
Coordinate
Systems
Saving Model in its Deformed Shape

### **Lesson 13: Adaptive Meshing**

Adaptive Meshing Case Study: Support Bracket h-Adaptivity Study p-Adaptivity Study h vs. p Elements - Summary Lesson 14: Large Displacement Analysis

Small vs. Large Displacement Analysis

Case Study: Clamp

Part 1: Small Displacement Linear

**Analysis** 

Part 2: Large Displacement Nonlinear Analysis

# Appendix A: Meshing, Solvers, and Tips & Tricks

Meshing Strategies
Geometry Preparation
Mesh Quality
Mesh Controls
Meshing Stages
Failure Diagnostics
Tips for Using Shell Elements
Hardware Considerations in Meshing
Solvers in SolidWorks Simulation
Choosing a Solver



