Certificate Course in Data Structures in C++ (CCDSC++)

Duration – 2 Months

Course Overview

This course introduces learners to the **fundamental data structures** and their implementation in **C++**, a widely used object-oriented programming language. The program emphasizes practical coding with C++ while covering the concepts of arrays, linked lists, stacks, queues, trees, graphs, hashing, and algorithm analysis. Students will also learn how to solve real-world computational problems efficiently using C++ features like classes, templates, and the Standard Template Library (STL).

Duration: 2 Months (Approx. 40 Sessions)

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of C++ (variables, loops, functions, classes, and objects).

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- 1. Understand the **importance of data structures** and their role in software development.
- 2. Implement data structures using **object-oriented principles** of C++.
- 3. Analyze the **time and space complexity** of algorithms.
- 4. Apply different data structures to solve real-world computational problems.
- 5. Gain familiarity with **STL containers** for efficient programming.

Course Outcomes

On successful completion, learners will:

- CO1: Demonstrate understanding of basic and advanced data structures.
- CO2: Apply C++ concepts (OOP, pointers, dynamic memory, templates) to implement data structures.
- CO3: Develop problem-solving skills using stacks, queues, linked lists, trees, and graphs.
- CO4: Evaluate algorithms using **Big-O notation**.
- CO5: Build mini projects involving multiple data structures.

Course Syllabus

Module 1: Introduction & C++ Basics Refresher

- Importance of Data Structures & Algorithms
- Recap of C++ fundamentals: Classes, Objects, Inheritance, Polymorphism
- Pointers, References, and Dynamic Memory Allocation (new, delete)
- Templates & Exception Handling in C++

Module 2: Arrays & Strings

- Array Representation and Operations
- Searching Techniques: Linear Search, Binary Search
- Sorting Techniques: Bubble, Selection, Insertion, Merge, Quick Sort
- String manipulation in C++

Module 3: Stack

- Concept & Applications of Stack
- Implementation using Arrays & Linked Lists
- Applications: Infix to Postfix, Postfix Evaluation
- STL Stack usage

Module 4: Queue

- Concept & Applications of Queue
- Implementation using Arrays & Linked Lists
- Circular Queue, Priority Queue, Deque
- STL Queue usage

Module 5: Linked List

- Singly Linked List Creation, Insertion, Deletion, Traversal
- Doubly Linked List Insertion, Deletion, Applications
- Circular Linked List Operations and Applications
- Use of C++ OOP for Linked Lists

Module 6: Trees

Introduction to Trees & Terminology

- Binary Tree & Binary Search Tree (BST) Creation, Traversals
- Balanced Trees AVL Tree Basics
- STL Map & Set (Tree-based structures)

Module 7: Graphs

- Graph Representation: Adjacency Matrix & List
- Graph Traversals: BFS & DFS
- Applications: Shortest Path, Networking Concepts

Module 8: Hashing & Complexity Analysis

- Hash Functions & Hash Tables
- Collision Handling Chaining, Open Addressing
- Algorithm Complexity Analysis: Big-O, Big-Ω, Big-Θ

Module 9: Mini Project & Assessment

- Student Database using Linked List
- Expression Solver using Stack & Queue
- Simple Library/Inventory System using Trees & Hashing
- By the end of **2 months**, learners will be able to:
 - Design efficient algorithms.
 - Implement & test real-world applications using data structures in C++.
 - Prepare for coding interviews, competitive programming, and advanced courses.