

Associate Director, Business Process Excellence

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Location: Barcelona, Spain
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What if you could redesign how medicines move through Development and help innovative treatments reach patients faster?

As Associate Director, Business Process Excellence, you will lead high-impact transformation across the end-to-end drug-development value chain. You will partner with senior leaders and cross-functional teams to challenge existing assumptions, simplify complex processes, and design future-ready ways of working.

Using zero-based redesign, Lean, Agile, data, digital, and AI-enabled approaches, you will turn strategic priorities into measurable improvements in cycle time, productivity, quality, compliance, and organizational effectiveness.

About the Role

Key Responsibilities

- **Lead enterprise-level process transformation** across the drug-development value chain, from problem definition through future-state design, implementation, adoption, and value realization.
- **Apply zero-based redesign** to challenge legacy assumptions, eliminate unnecessary complexity, and reimagine processes around business and patient outcomes.
- **Shape AI-enabled future-state processes and operating models** by identifying where work can be simplified, automated, augmented, or fundamentally redesigned.
- **Translate data and process insight into action** by diagnosing bottlenecks, handoffs, decision delays, process variation, and adoption barriers.
- **Build compelling transformation cases** with clear problem statements, outcome measures, implementation considerations, and expected business value.
- **Facilitate high-impact working sessions** that enable cross-functional teams and leaders to make decisions, resolve complex challenges, and align around a practical future state.
- **Partner with process owners, business leaders, technology teams, and change leads** to convert redesigned processes into sustainable ways of working.
- **Establish outcome measures and track value realization**, ensuring that transformation delivers meaningful improvements in speed, productivity, quality, compliance, and user experience.
- **Strengthen organizational capability** by coaching teams in process excellence, structured problem-solving, zero-based redesign, and continuous improvement.
- **Act as a trusted transformation partner** who constructively challenges the status quo and influences decisions without relying on formal authority.

Essential Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Life Sciences, Pharmacy, Engineering, Biotechnology, Business, or another relevant discipline.
- Significant experience in Business Process Excellence, Operational Excellence, enterprise transformation, process re-engineering, or management consulting.
- Strong understanding of pharmaceutical Development, supported by experience in one or more areas such as Clinical Development, Regulatory Affairs, Pharmaceutical R&D, Technical Development, or Manufacturing.
- Demonstrated success leading complex, cross-functional transformation from diagnosis and design through implementation and measurable business impact.
- Practical expertise in process redesign and transformation methodologies such as Lean, Lean Six Sigma, Agile, Value Stream Mapping, Business Process Management, or zero-based redesign.
- Ability to use qualitative and quantitative evidence to identify root causes, evaluate opportunities, and develop decision-ready recommendations.
- Strong facilitation, stakeholder engagement, change leadership, and executive communication capabilities.
- Ability to navigate ambiguity, connect strategic priorities to operational processes, and influence across organizational boundaries.

Desirable Requirements

- Advanced degree such as Master of Business Administration, Master of Science, Doctor of Philosophy, or Doctor of Pharmacy.
- Lean Six Sigma Black Belt or Master Black Belt certification.
- Agile, Scrum, Scaled Agile Framework, Project Management Professional, or Change Management certification.
- Experience in digital transformation, process automation, artificial intelligence adoption, and data-driven decision making.

Salary Range:

€63,600 to €118,000

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Дивизион
Development
Business Unit
Development
Место
Испания
Сайт
Barcelona Gran Vía
Company / Legal Entity
ES06 (FCRS = ES006) Novartis Farmacéutica, S.A.
Functional Area
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Job Type
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No

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