



Project Management

Certification and Training Courses

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Custom Course Development and Training

The Training Institute of Washington, DC offers a wide variety of products and services to support organizations' unique request. These products and services can be customized to fit the specific needs of our clients'.

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When analysis reveals that customized learning materials are needed to close any performance gaps, we utilize our methodology to build engaging, instructionally sound, user-oriented learning experiences for you.

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Allowing us to handle some or all of the regular management of training activities will provide a cost effective approach to training management and allows you to level out internal staffing. Some of the major activities that we can provide include the following:

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- **Classroom Management**
- **Program Design**
- **Marketing Plan Implementation**
- **Instructor Scheduling**
- **Project Management Services**

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Performance problems are complex. To resolve them, we work with you to identify the business goals you are trying to achieve and link job performance to business results. We rapidly and effectively conduct needs assessment and clearly articulate both training and non-training needs.

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To help guarantee that your organizational learning is maximized and you are getting a return on your training dollar, it is critical that you know the value of each training solution to ensure that it is contributing to your business goals. Using our evaluation process we help you build effective evaluation instruments and assess the effectiveness of your training.

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Additional Services

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31% of all projects are canceled before completion.

88% of all projects are over schedule, over budget, or both.

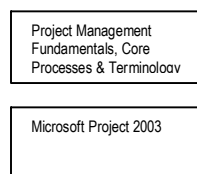
Average project cost overrun is 189% of original estimates.

Average time overrun is 222% of original estimates.

Project Management Training Tracks

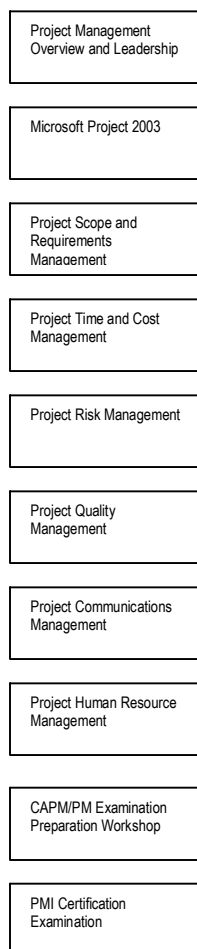
Basic Project Management Training Path for Every Organization

Recommend path for all Individuals in an organization that may participate on project teams, interact with project teams as stakeholders, or input data into project plans.



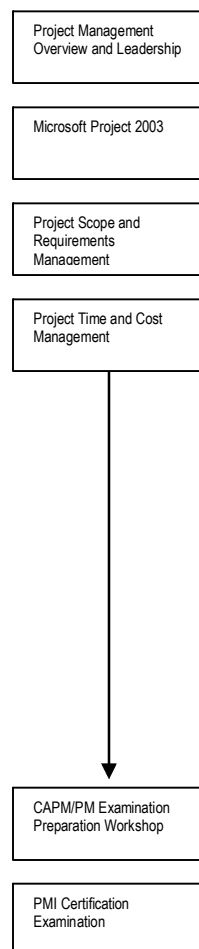
Full Project Management Certification Training Path

Recommended path for individuals with little or no project management experience that desire/require PMI Certification for job function.



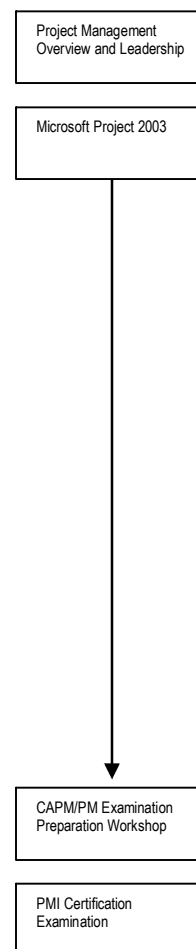
Certification Training Path for Intermediate Project Managers

Recommended path for individuals with a moderate level of project management experience and training, that desire/required to be PMI Certified for job function.



Certification Training Path for Experienced Project Managers

Recommended path for individuals with an extensive amount of project management training, and experience.



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Project Management Overview and Leadership

5 Days

Course Description

Project Management Overview and Leadership is an introductory class to the Project Management discipline. It provides the theory and core methodology needed to manage projects or participate on project teams as well as leadership as it pertains to Project Management. This course is intended for project managers, team leaders and regular staff members who need a good foundation for further study in Project Management or who plan on participating on project teams in the future. Students will also learn how to use project management techniques to plan, organize, control, document, and close out their projects successfully and with minimum risk. This course will also focus on conceptual underpinnings students must know in order to use any project management software application effectively.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Define a project, program, and project management and its processes.
- Determine effective ways of integrating project management and general business management in an organization.
- Determine ways to effectively integrate a project across an entire enterprise to reduce the impact of change.
- Determine how ethics, integrity, and objectivity affect project management.
- Discuss ways of effectively communicating throughout the Project Lifecycle.
- Determine stakeholders and how they affect the project.
- Describe the Project Management Lifecycle and develop a basic project plan.
- Define leadership and how vision impacts a project.
- List key qualities of a leader.
- Form an effective project team.
- Recognize one's own work behavior style and quickly read other people's styles.
- Identify how to mesh divergent styles together to achieve project success.

COURSE OUTLINE

Lesson 1: What Is A Project?

- Project Characteristics
- Projects vs. Operational Work
- Projects and Strategic Planning

Lesson 2: What Is Project Management?

Lesson 3: The PMBOK Guide Structure

- The Project Management Framework
- The Standard for Project Management of a Project
- The Project Management Knowledge Areas

Lesson 4: Areas of Expertise

Lesson 5: Application Area Knowledge, Standards, and Regulations

Lesson 6: Understanding the Project Environment

- Cultural and Social Environment
- International and Political Environment
- Physical Environment

Lesson 7: General Management Knowledge and Skills

- Financial Management and Accounting
- Purchasing and Procurement
- Sales and Marketing
- Contracts and Commercial Law
- Manufacturing and Distribution
- Logistics and Supply Chain
- Strategic Planning, Tactical Planning, and Operational Planning

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- Organizational Structures, Organizational Behavior, Personnel Administration,
- Compensation, Benefits, and Career Paths
- Health and Safety Practices
- Information Technology

Lesson 8: Interpersonal Skills

- Effective Communication
- Influencing the Organization
- Leadership
- Motivation
- Negotiation and Conflict Management
- Problem Solving

Lesson 9: Project Management Context

- Programs and Program Management
- Portfolios and Portfolio Management
- Subprojects
- Project Management Office

Lesson 10: Project Lifecycle and Organization

- The Project Lifecycle
- Project Stakeholders
- Organizational Influences

Lesson 11: Project Management Process for a Project

- Project Management Process Groups
- Initiating Process Group
- Develop Preliminary Project Scope Statement
- Planning Process Group
- Develop Project Management Plan
- Scope Planning
- Scope Definition
- Create Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)
- Activity Definition
- Activity Sequencing
- Activity Resource Estimating
- Activity Duration Estimating
- Schedule Development
- Cost Estimating
- Cost Budgeting
- Quality Planning
- Human Resource Planning
- Communications Planning
- Risk Management Planning
- Risk Identification
- Qualitative Risk Analysis
- Quantitative Risk Analysis

- Risk Response Planning
- Plan Purchases and Acquisitions
- Plan Contracting
- Executing Process Group
- Direct and Manage Project Execution
- Perform Quality Assurance
- Acquire Project Team
- Develop Project Team
- Information Distribution
- Request Seller Responses
- Select Sellers
- Monitoring and Controlling Process Group
- Monitor and Control Project Work
- Integrated Change Control
- Scope Verification
- Scope Control
- Schedule Control
- Cost Control
- Perform Quality Control
- Manage the Project Team
- Performance Reporting
- Manage Stakeholders
- Risk Monitoring and Control
- Contract Administration
- Closing Process Group
- Close Project
- Contract Closure
- Process Interactions
- Project Management Process Mapping

Lesson 12: Project Leadership

- What is Leadership?
- Setting the Stage
- Leadership Defined
- Manager vs. Leader
- The Leadership Journey
- Keys to Developing Leadership Qualities
- Key Qualities of Leadership
- Vision
- Character
- Integrity
- Positive Attitude
- Love People
- Set Goals
- Takes Risks
- Motivates
- A Great Communicator
- Gives Constructive Feedback
- Developing a Leadership Factor

Project Management Fundamentals, Core Processes, and Terminology

5 Days

Course Description

This class will teach students all about Project Management Fundamentals, Core Processes, and Terminology.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand and use PMI's project management methodology.
- Build a vocabulary of PM terms and terminology.
- Use PMI's process to create an integrated project plan.
- Describe and discuss common PM tools and processes.
- Introduce the PMBOK as an information source.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

COURSE OUTLINE

Lesson 1: Project Management Vocabulary

Lesson 2: PMI and the PMBOK

Lesson 3: The Five Process Groups

Lesson 4: Decomposing the Process Groups

Lesson 5: Examining the Initiating Process Group

Lesson 6: Examining the Planning Process Group

Lesson 7: Examining the Executing Process Group

Lesson 8: Examining the Controlling Process Group

Lesson 9: Examining the Closing Process Group

Lesson 10: Initiating a Project Plan

Lesson 11: Defining Project Scope

Lesson 12: Quantifying Time and Cost

Lesson 13: Risk Management and Schedule Planning

Lesson 14: Budget Development

Lesson 15: Why Projects Succeed and Fail

Microsoft Project 2003

2 Days

Course Description

This two-day course is designed for individuals who will use Microsoft Project 2003 as a tool to assist them in managing projects. The topics in this course cover the critical skills necessary to create and modify a project plan file that contains tasks, resources, and resource assignments. Students will then build upon these skills and work with a project plan once it has entered the project implementation phase. Students who have an understanding of project management concepts, are responsible for creating and modifying project plans, and need a tool to manage those project plans will benefit from this course.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Create a project plan file containing tasks.
- Organize tasks in a work breakdown structure containing task relationships.
- Create and assign resources.
- Finalize the project in order to implement the project plan.
- Exchange project plan data with other applications.
- Update a project plan.
- Create custom reports.
- Re-use existing project plan information.
- Collaborate on a project plan with others.

Prerequisites

Students enrolling in this class should have an understanding of project management concepts and knowledge of Windows. A basic knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel is helpful but not required.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Lesson 1: Introduction to Project Management

Lesson 2: Starting a Project

Lesson 3: Outlining and Task Relationships

Lesson 4: Adding and Assigning Resources

Lesson 5: Analyzing the Project

Lesson 6: Displaying Project Data

Lesson 7: Sorting and Filtering Data

Lesson 8: Setting the Plan

Lesson 9: Tracking Project Progress

Lesson 10: Adjusting the Schedule

Lesson 11: Adjusting Resource Schedules

Lesson 12: Customizing the Microsoft Project Environment

Lesson 13: Working With Data in Other Applications

Lesson 14: Working With Resource Pools and Consolidated Projects

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Project Scope and Requirements Management

2 Days

Course Description

This course will enable participants to effectively manage the scope and requirements of a project. As part of the Triple Constraints, Scope is often the most challenging part of the constraints to manage. In this class the participants will participate in group exercises that will enable them to learn the skills needed to properly manage the Scope of a project.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Determine the Business Need that is driving a project.
- Define project vs. product scope and determine how a project integrates with the overall operations of an organization.
- Define the Inputs, Tools and Techniques, and Outputs of proper Scope Management and identify appropriate quality requirements.
- List the proper techniques and tools to effectively define the Scope of a project and determine macro risks.
- Determine ways of dealing with the change.
- Describe how to create a Work Breakdown Structure.
- Determine how to properly verify Scope.
- Determine how to control the Scope of a project during the Execution Phase of the project.

Prerequisites

Students should have taken the Project Management Overview course.

COURSE OUTLINE

Lesson 1: Project Scope Management

Lesson 2: Project Scope vs Product Scope

Lesson 3: Scope Planning

Lesson 4: Scope Definition

Lesson 5: Create WBS

Lesson 6: Scope Verification

Lesson 7: Scope Control

Project Time and Cost Management

2 Days

Course Description

The goal of this workshop course is to develop skills required to effectively manage the schedule and budget of a project. As part of the Triple Constraints, the schedule and budget of a project (and the management thereof) are Key Performance Indicators regarding the success of any project. This course will enable the participants to hone the skills necessary to effectively manage the schedule and budget of a project. Sometimes referred to as Earned Value Management, this course is appropriate for all managers, team leaders, and others who work with project teams.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Determine how to effectively define activities.
- Determine ways to effectively sequence activities.
- Determine how to effectively estimate resource requirements and estimate durations.
- Develop an effective schedule.
- Effectively utilize schedule controls to keep their projects on schedule.
- Effectively 'Crash' and 'Fast Track' their projects to meet time and cost requirements.
- Determine how to estimate costs.
- Determine how to effectively budget for project costs.
- Effectively control the costs of a project.
- Influence future project activities to meet project goals.

Prerequisites

Students should have taken the Project Management Overview and Project Scope and Requirements Management courses.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Lesson 1: Project Time Management
- Lesson 2: Activity Definition
- Lesson 3: Activity Sequencing
- Lesson 4: Activity Resource Estimating
- Lesson 5: Activity Duration Estimating
- Lesson 6: Schedule Development
- Lesson 7: Schedule Control
- Lesson 8: Project Cost Management
- Lesson 9: Cost Estimating
- Lesson 10: Cost Budgeting
- Lesson 11: Cost Control

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Project Risk Management

3 Days

Course Description

This course will guide the student through the Risk Management process as defined by the Project Management Institute (PMI). Through a series of hands-on exercises the student will learn the proper methodology for managing risks. This class targets Project Managers and employees responsible for managing and tracking projects.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Define a project, program, and project management and its processes.
- Determine effective ways of integrating project management and general business management in an organization.
- Determine ways to effectively integrate a project across an entire enterprise to reduce the impact of change.
- Determine how ethics, integrity, and objectivity affect project management.
- Define Risk.
- Define the Risk Management process.
- Plan for risks.
- Effectively identify risks.
- Perform qualitative and quantitative risk analysis.
- Perform Risk Response Planning.
- Perform Risk Monitoring and Control.
- Apply network activity techniques.

Prerequisites

Students should have taken the Project Management Overview, Project Scope and Requirements Management, and Project Time and Cost Management courses.

COURSE OUTLINE

Lesson 1: Overview of Risk Management

Lesson 2: Risk Management Planning

Lesson 3: Risk Identification

Lesson 4: Qualitative Risk Analysis

Lesson 5: Quantitative Risk Analysis

Lesson 6: Risk Response Planning

Lesson 7: Risk Monitoring and Control

Project Quality Management

1 Day

Course Description

Project success is achieved by taking a balanced approach to quality, time and cost, resulting in satisfied customers. In this course, you develop and apply a quality framework using the tools and techniques needed to deliver consistent project success within your organization. This intensive class will guide the student through the Project Quality Management process as defined by the Project Management Institute (PMI). Students will also be introduced to industry best practices.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Effectively plan quality into their project.
- Effectively determine quality requirements as they pertain to the scope/requirements of the project.
- Perform quality assurance functions on their projects.
- Perform quality control functions on their projects.

Prerequisites

Students should have taken the Project Management Overview, Project Scope and Requirements Management, and Project Time and Cost Management courses.

COURSE OUTLINE

Lesson 1: Overview of Project Quality Management

Lesson 2: Quality Planning

Lesson 3: Performing Quality Assurance

Lesson 4: Performing Quality Control

Project Communications Management

1 Day

Course Description

This intensive course will guide the student through the Project Communications Management process as defined by the Project Management Institute (PMI).

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Plan for the communications requirements of a project.
- Develop a Communications Plan.
- Understand how and what information to distribute.
- Understand and use Organizational Process Assets.
- Develop performance reports.
- Develop forecasts, change requests, and recommend corrective actions.
- Manage stakeholders.
- Resolve issues and update the Project Management Plan.
- Effectively listen.
- Effectively communicate using the written word.

Prerequisites

Students should have taken the Project Risk Management, Project Scope and Requirements Management, and Project Time and Cost Management courses.

COURSE OUTLINE

Lesson 1: Overview of Project Communications Management

Lesson 2: Communications Planning

Lesson 3: Information Distribution

Lesson 4: Performance Reporting

Lesson 5: Managing Stakeholders

Project Human Resource Management

2 Days

Course Description

Effective project managers must possess strong skills in organizational planning; team building, and staff management. Students are provided with the tools to help them face the challenges of managing matrix teams and the added complexity of managing a virtual team. Students will also examine motivation, influence, power and effectiveness theories from industrial-organizational psychologists and management theorists to help them understand how and why people work, and the effect of power on project teams. This is an intensive class that will guide the student through the Project Human Resource Management process as defined by the Project Management Institute (PMI).

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Perform human resource planning functions.
- Explain how to acquire a project team.
- Create organizational charts.
- Define roles and responsibilities of the team.
- Use tools and techniques for human resource planning.
- Develop project teams.
- Manage project teams.

Prerequisites

Students should have taken the Project Management Overview, Project Scope and Requirements Management, and Project Time and Cost Management courses.

COURSE OUTLINE

Lesson 1: Overview of Project Human Resource Management

Lesson 2: Human Resource Planning

Lesson 3: Acquiring a Project Team

Lesson 4: Developing a Project Team

Lesson 5: Managing a Project Team

CAPM/PMP Examination Preparation Workshop

5 Days

Course Description

Attending this course will assist the student in developing the ability to discern project management practices which do and do not comply with Project Management Institute (PMI) expectations as outlined in the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK). The course also covers strategies, concepts, definitions, and practices whose understanding is required to pass PMI's Project Management Professionals (PMP), and Certified Associates in Project Management (CAPM) examinations.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand what is required of them to finish preparing for PMI examinations independently.
- Recognize variance from PMI standards in project processes.
- Recognize variance from PMI standards in project management practices.
- Recognize PMBOK compliant project plan components.

Prerequisites

Students should have taken Project Management Fundamentals, Core Processes, and Terminology.

COURSE OUTLINE

Lesson 1: How To Most Efficiently Prepare For PMP/CAPM Certification

- Strategy
- Improving efficiency
- Key Issues
- Common modes of failure
- The role of test battery software & avoiding its traps
- Exam provider expectations

Lesson 2: Navigating the Application Process

- Categorizing your application
- Documenting & Categorizing experience
- Application submission guidelines & options

Lesson 3: Understanding the PMP & CAPM Exams

- Differences in the PMP and CAPM exam intentions
- Understanding the testing environment & mindset
- What the exams are like
- Knowing when you are ready to test

Lesson 4: PMBOK Study Strategies

- How the PMBOK supports the preparation process
- How not to use the PMBOK
- The PMBOK as a family of related processes
- How to most quickly understand and retain PMBOK concepts and processes

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Lesson 5: Understanding PMI's "isms"

- Assumptions about project management that frame all exam questions
- Assumptions about project manager's behavior
- Assumptions about the project environment
- Avoiding getting tangled in the differences between what you do and what PMI requires

Lesson 6: The Process of Project Management**Lesson 7: The Framework of Project Management****Lesson 8: Integration Management Topics****Lesson 9: Scope Management Topics****Lesson 10: Time Management Topics****Lesson 11: Cost Management Topics****Lesson 12: Quality Management Topics****Lesson 13: Human Resources Management Topics****Lesson 14: Communications Management Topics****Lesson 15: Risk Management Topics****Lesson 16: Procurement Management Topics****Lesson 17: Professional Responsibility Topics**

Overview of Project Management

½ Day

Seminar Purpose

In the seminar series previewed, participants will learn how Project Management strategy, process, and tools can channel the information required to support status reporting and decision making on an organizational level. This seminar is valuable for students who desire to understand formal project management and processes to create a system for consistent information sharing. This seminar will also assist students by providing a set of tools to manage projects and programs in a systematic manner consistent with OMB A-11 Exhibit 300 requirements.

Audience

This course is intended for students with little or no formal project management training.

Agenda

1st Hour Seminar 1 – Formal Project Management & How Does it Benefit the Organization

2nd Hour Seminar 2 – Universal Best Practice Model for Managing Projects

3rd Hour Seminar 3 – Project Managers Tools and Procedures

Overview of Seminar 1

What is Formal Project Management and how does it benefit the Organization?

- Benefits of Project Forecasting
- Defining a Project Management Process
- Managing Project Managers
- Managing Multiple Projects
- Earned Value Management

Overview of Seminar 2

A Universal Best Practice Model for Managing Projects

- Bringing Predictability to Projects
- Rapid yet Complete Planning
- The core Universal Project Management Steps

Overview of Seminar 3

Project Managers Tools and Procedures

- Determining an Appropriate Level of Detail in Planning
- Key Components of Risk
- Understanding and Managing Quality
- Microsoft Project

An Executive Briefing on Earned Value Management

½ Day

Course Description

This four hour seminar is an informative look at Earned Value Management. It includes an explanation of the concepts of Earned Value, the process for using Earned Value to draw conclusions, and hands on examples. Creation of an earned value management system (EVMS) ensures the project manager has performance data which relates time-phased budgets to specific tasks, indicates work progress, effectively integrates cost, schedule and technical accomplishment, provides valid, timely, and auditable information, supplies managers and executives with project status at a practical level of summarization, and accurately forecasts cost and schedule at completion

Who Should Attend

The course is intended for program managers, project managers, team leaders, and anyone who need to setup, provide metrics for, base decisions on, or use Earned Value Management.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Use Earned value management is a tool that allows visibility into technical, cost, and schedule progress.
- Implement Earned Value Management Reporting Systems
- Read, understand, and interpret Earned Value Reports, an essential function of project management, and a required reporting tool on many government contracts.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Introduction
- The Triple Constraint
- Earned Value Terminology
- Earned Value Calculations
- Interpreting and Reporting Using Earned Value
- Milestone Charts and Tracking
- Milestone Controls
- Project Cost Management
- Estimate
- Baseline Setup
- Project Control
- Gathering Status Information
- Variance Analysis

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Federal Acquisition Certification Courses

Well-trained and experienced program and project managers are critical to the acquisition process and the successful accomplishment of mission goals. A strong partnership between program and project managers and contracting professionals requires a common understanding of how to meet the government's needs through acquisitions that deliver quality goods and services in an effective and efficient manner.

The purpose of the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Managers (FAC-P/PM) is to establish general training and experience requirements for program and project managers in civilian agencies. The FAC-P/PM focuses on essential competencies needed for program and project managers; the program does not include functional or technical competencies, such as those for information technology, or agency-specific competencies.

Basic Acquisition I

3 Days

Course Description

This course covers the basics of how acquisition professionals balance risk, cost, schedule, performance, lessons learned, and the necessary management metrics to deliver quality systems/products. This course is specifically developed to support Project Managers who need to meet the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM) program core training requirements.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Explain the requirements development process
- Define concept selection
- Identify a technology development process
- Perform a business strategy for market research (FAR Parts 10 and 12) to include socio-economic considerations

Course Outline

The Requirements Development Process

Overview
Vocabulary
Predecessors
Identifying Needs
Prioritizing Needs

Defining The Concept Selection Process

Overview
Components
Vocabulary

Defining the Preferred System Selection Process

Performance Measures
Technology Development Strategy Inputs
Baselines
Demonstrations
When to Initiate an Acquisition Process

Evaluating Possible Solutions

Performance Measure Selection
Performance Measure Analysis
Selecting a Preferred System Concept

Technology Development Strategy Features

Analysis of Alternatives
Studies to Date
Draft Plans
Selected Material Concepts

Considering Customer Needs

Performance Parameters
Affordability Constraints
Scheduling Constraints
Technical Constraints
Environmental Issues
Joint and Combined Interoperability

Deriving a Baseline

Understanding Baselines
Studying Performance and Schedule Requirements
Establishing a Baseline

Project Coordination with Users

Benefits
Milestone Decision Authority
Planning & Preparing

Earned Value Management (EVM) and Cost Estimates I

3 Days

Course Description

This course covers the basics of Earned Value Management and Cost Estimation. This course is intended for program managers, project managers, team leaders, and anyone who need to setup, provide metrics for, base decisions on, or use Earned Value Management. This course is specifically developed to support Project Managers who need to meet the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM) program core training requirements.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Coordinate an integrated master plan for life cycle management and support
- Assess and oversee the application of department/agency financial policies and directives as they relate to program and resource management
- Direct and monitor risk management processes and making adjustments as necessary
- Administer a comprehensive test and evaluation program
- Examine and implement innovative, alternative logistics support practices
- Plan for adequate staffing and resources across the program life cycle

COURSE OUTLINE

- Earned Value Management
 1. Defined
 2. Policies
 3. Methodologies
 4. Software
 5. Examples
- Background Information
 1. The Triple Constraint
 2. Earned Value Terminology
 3. Earned Value Inputs
- Earned Value Formulas and Calculations
 1. Indexes
 2. Variances
 3. Estimates
 4. Interpretation
- Basic Earned Value Scenarios
 1. Introduction
 2. Workshop Brief
 3. Workshop
 4. Review & Analysis
- Intermediate Earned Value Scenarios
 1. Introduction
 2. Workshop Brief
 3. Workshop
 4. Review & Analysis
- Advanced Earned Value Scenarios
 1. Introduction
 2. Workshop Brief
 3. Workshop
 4. Review & Analysis
- Using Software to Compute Earned Value
 1. Spreadsheet Applications
 2. MS Project
 3. MS Project Based Reporting Workshop
- The Integrated Baseline Review
 1. Defined
 2. Need
 3. Example
 4. Usefulness
- OMB A-94 Cost Estimating
 1. Processes
 2. Methods
 3. Techniques
 4. Analytical Principles
 5. Data
 6. Confidence Bands
 7. Specialized Costing

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Earned Value Management (EVM) and Cost Estimates II

3 Days

Course Description

This course covers earned value and cost estimating skills needed by intermediate level project managers: IS based financial reporting systems, EVM analysis, EVM resource requirements, and business process re-engineering. This course is specifically developed to support Project Managers who need to meet the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM) program core training requirements.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Explain and utilize the information system for financial management reporting
- Conduct EVM analysis and implementing changes based on analysis
- Analyze resource needs for management, including planning for an EVM program/project linked to risk
- Apply business process re-engineering methods for continuous improvement

Prerequisites

Students should have taken the Basic Project Management I and Earned Value Management (EVM) and Cost Estimates I courses.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Software Tools for EVM
 1. Collecting, processing, maintaining, and reporting data
 2. Supporting planning and finance decisions with EVM data
 3. Reporting cost information
 4. MANAGING WITH EVM
 5. Handling yellow and red indicators
 6. Integrated Baseline Reviews
 7. Tracking EVM policies
 8. EVM software
- Lab and Case Study Workshop
- Gathering Metrics
 1. Gathering
 2. Recording
 3. Roles
 4. Overhead
 5. Planning
- Process Re-Engineering
 1. Studying output of EVM reporting
 2. Investigating trends and incidents
 3. Establishing Patterns
 4. Identifying the need for improvement
 5. Evaluation alternatives
 6. Selecting changes
 7. Implementing change
 8. Re-evaluation to confirm improvement

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Basic Project Management I

3 Days

Course Description

This course covers the basics of project management including Requirements, Work Breakdown Structures, Life Cycles Management Concepts, Risk Management, and General Project Management Theory. This course is specifically developed to support Project Managers who need to meet the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM) program core training requirements.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Define project components to the task level in preparation for developing the Work Breakdown Structure
- Define requirements in terms of performance-based outcomes, where appropriate
- Identify the role of an estimate in Total Ownership Cost (TOC)/Life Cycle Cost process
- Describe the risk and opportunity management process
- Explain the systems life cycle management concepts used for information systems
- Explain the need for a comprehensive Test and Evaluation (T&E) phase
- Identify the need to implement alternative logistics support

COURSE OUTLINE

- The Project Management Process
 1. High Level Definition
 2. Intended Effects
 3. Key Roles & Responsibilities
 4. Stages of Progression
 5. Structuring the Manager's Activities
- Work Breakdown Structures
 1. Task Identification
 2. Structuring the Decomposition
 3. Determining an Appropriate Level of Detail
- Project Plan Components
 1. Activity Duration Estimates
 2. Work Breakdown Schedule
 3. Network Diagram
 4. Project Baseline
 5. Resource Calendars
 6. Resource Requirements
 7. Activities Parameters
 8. Project Integrated Master Plan
 9. Entry to MS Project
- Requirements Definition
 1. Gathering Information
 2. Development
- Estimating Techniques/Tools for Developing Rough Cost Estimates
- Associated Risk Levels for all Cost Estimates.
- Need for Assumptions and Why They Should be Valid.
- Technical Reviews
- Description
- Performance Orientation
- Total Cost of Ownership
 1. Defining
 2. Quantifying
 3. Estimation
 4. Role in Life Cycle Costing
- Risk Management
 1. Overview
 2. Process
 3. Risk Identification Techniques
 4. Risk Valuation
 5. Risk Ranking
 6. Selection of Risks for Active Management
 7. Contingency Planning
- Systems Life Cycle Management Concepts
 1. IT Specific Models
 2. Application to Information Systems

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Basic Project Management II

3 Days

Course Description

This course covers key intermediate project management skills needed to progress beyond a basic level: developing master schedules, estimating total cost of ownership, and product life cycle plans. This course is specifically developed to support Project Managers who need to meet the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM) program core training requirements.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Develop and document an integrated master schedule
- Assist in the development of an estimate of Total Ownership Cost (TOC)
- Define requirements, clearly, to meet needs, including, where appropriate, performance-based outcomes and setting performance standards
- Formulate the key features of a risk/opportunity management process
- Create a requirements development process that provides traceability back to user-defined capabilities
- Formulate the key features of the Test and Evaluation (T&E) program/project, including modeling and simulation
- Develop life cycle plan for delivering, maintaining, & retiring a product with supply chain considerations

Prerequisites

Students should have taken the Basic Project Management I course.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Analyzing Program / Project Needs
 1. Performance parameters objectives
 2. Affordability constraints
 3. Scheduling constraints
 4. Technical constraints
 5. Environmental issues
- Develop/Document Integrated Master Schedule
 1. Schedule network tools and techniques
 2. Work loading methods
 3. Process Inputs
- Preparing Total Life Cycle Management Plans
 1. Phased inputs & outputs
 2. Deliverables for phases
 3. Project technical reviews
 4. Audits
 5. Program/project functions planning
- Estimating Total Cost of Ownership
 1. Rough estimating techniques and tools
 2. ECP & Modification Costs
 3. Program / Project Cost
 4. Life Cycle Cost
 5. Associated risk levels
- Assumption validation
 6. Assumption validation
 7. Business case analysis
- Structuring a Requirements Development Process
 1. Establishing Operational Needs
 2. Attributes
 3. Performance Parameters
 4. Trade-offs
 5. Constraints
 6. Confirming Completeness
- Testing and Evaluation (T&E)
 1. Planning & Monitoring
 2. Conducting Tests
 3. Prototyping
 4. New Systems
 5. Relating testing to requirements
 6. Developing Metrics
- Risk/Opportunity Management
 1. Analyzing Risk Events
 2. Reviewing Risk Status
 3. Integrating risk status into project routines
 4. Managing risk at project and o
 5. Standardizing risk management practices

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Leadership and Interpersonal Skills I

2 Days

Course Description

This course covers the basics of project leadership and interpersonal skills including the role of the team leader, the roles of team members, interacting with customers, managing conflict, and demonstrating accountability. This course is specifically developed to support Project Managers who need to meet the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM) program core training requirements.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Apply effective oral and written communications
- Describe the roles and functions of membership in a working group or project oriented team
- Demonstrate satisfactory customer service
- Explain conflict management
- Demonstrate accountability for results

Course Outline

Introduction to Leadership

Definition
Relevance
Key Concepts

Relating to people from varied backgrounds
Sensitivity to individual differences

Selecting the Type of Communication
Choosing the Formality of the Communication
How to Confirm the Communication was Effective

Roles and Characteristics of the Leader

Leadership versus Management
Problem Solving
Conflict Management
Interpersonal Skills
Resilience
Flexibility
Accountability
Communications
Written & Verbal
Customer Service

Written Communication

Defined
Modes and Methods
Context
Intended Outcomes
Confirming Outcomes

Managing Conflict

Defining Conflict
Locating Conflicts Early
Root Cause Analysis
Effective Conflict Resolution
Ineffective Conflict Resolution
Techniques for Resolving Conflict
Communicating to Preempt Conflict

Communication Styles

Introduction to DISC
Knowing your DISC type
Determining the DISC types of others
Using DISC to improve communication

Verbal Communication

Defined
Modes and Methods
Context
Speaking and Listening Skills
One-on-one Meetings
Structuring Meetings
Managing Meetings
Tracking Meetings

Accountability

Establishing Standards
Objectives, Priorities, and Delegation
Living Your Standards
Owning Your Mistakes
Working Within the System
Resilience

Interpersonal Skills

Understanding, courtesy, tact, empathy
Developing and maintaining relationships
Dealing with difficult people

Written Communications

Designing Written Reporting Systems
Using Written Reporting Systems
Adjusting and Evolving Reporting Systems

Customer Service

Assess Needs
Providing Assistance
Resolving Problems
Satisfying Expectations

Planning a Communication

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Leadership and Interpersonal Skills II

2 Days

Course Description:

This course covers key leadership and interpersonal skills required to manage intermediate level projects: stakeholder partnering, entrepreneurship, strategic thinking, innovation, and utilizing diversity. This course is specifically developed to support Project Managers who need to meet the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM) program core training requirements.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe how to partner with stakeholders effectively
- Implement entrepreneurship
- Utilize strategic thinking
- Build teams/IPT
- Explain and manage conflict
- Demonstrate creativity/innovation
- Utilize diversity

Course Outline

Communications Management

Using oral and written skills

Planning communications of macro information

Effective briefing skills

Sharing lessons learned

The media and media policies

Leadership Skills

Partnering

Team Building

Conflict Management

Political Savvy

Strategic Thinking

Decisiveness

Innovation

Government Specifics I

3 Days

Course Description

This course describes how the processes the project manager and other personnel responsible for an acquisition are integrated. Emphasis is placed on creating a comprehensive plan for fulfilling the need in a timely manner and at a reasonable cost. This course is specifically developed to support Project Managers who need to meet the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM) program core training requirements.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Implement a process by which the efforts of all acquisition personnel are integrated through a comprehensive plan
- Explain the need for the Project Manager to participate in pre-award actions required by acquisition planning (FAR Part 7.1)
- Develop a comprehensive project specification and requirements statement that fully and correctly defines the project
- Formulate a source selection plan that allows for best value selection from competitive solicitations
- Identify the need to support contract administrative actions
- Establish a negotiated baseline of performance
- Oversee the application of Total Life Cycle Systems Management (TLCSM)

Course Outline

An Overview of Acquisition Process Integration

Introduction
Key Processes

Contracting

Management Processes
Performance Based Considerations
Understanding Cost and Price Analysis
Solicitation and Source Selection
Negotiation and Awards
Termination Options
Closeout Process
Legislation, Policies, & Regulations

Contract Approach

Integrating the PM, PCO & Staff
Key Processes

Requirements and Support Documents

Overview of FAR Subpart 7.1 and 1-12
Key Terminology
Contract Terms
Solicitation Terms

Source Solicitation

Formulating and Structuring a Source Selection Plan
Evaluation Board
Advisory Counsel
Selection Authority

Contract Administration

Managing the Buyer/Seller Relationship
Documenting Performance
Corrective Actions
Providing for Future Relationships
Managing Changes

Performance Based Agreements

Negotiating Support Levels with Consideration to Funding
Negotiating a Baseline

Business Financial Plan Management

TLCSM Overview
Planning
Implementation
OMB A-11 Application

Government Specifics II

3 Days

Course Description

This course covers key project management skills required in government projects: Acquisition strategies, pre-award actions, source selection, OMB Circular A-123 compliance, and strategic sourcing. This course is specifically developed to support Project Managers who need to meet the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM) program core training requirements.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Develop an overall strategy for managing the acquisition, coordination, and development of the acquisition strategy to include socioeconomic considerations
- Identify key features in terms of pre-award actions required by acquisition planning (FAR Subpart 7.1)
- Formulate the key features of a comprehensive program/project specification and requirements statement
- Identify and develop source selection criteria, including risk analysis method (FAR Part 15.3)
- Identify and track contract performance and administrative actions
- Conduct financial planning and execution reviews
- Develop program/project plans in accordance with Management's Responsibility for Internal Control (OMB Circular A-123) and Capital Asset Planning (OMB exhibit 300)
- Utilize strategic sourcing when building and finalizing requirements across the program/project

Course Outline

Preparing a Plan for Total Life Cycle Management

Addressing phased inputs, outputs, and deliverables
Internal and External project technical reviews
Audits
Tradeoffs
Managing modifications
Cycle-time reduction techniques

Risk and Opportunity Management

Planning identification and analysis of risks
Risk handling
Risk monitoring
Analyzing risk events
Reporting status
Finding critical risk nodes
Schedule related risk analysis

Requirements Development

Structuring the process for working with users
Defining and refining needs
Trade-off and constraints

Developing a Process for Selecting a Design Solution

Translating requirements into alternative designs
Selecting final design solutions
Alternative design solutions

Contract Approach

Integrating personal through a comprehensive plan
Business partnerships
Structuring competition
Socio-economic issues
Terms

Additional Project Management Training Courses

Customer Relations

- Consulting Skills for Project Managers
- Influencing Skills for Project Managers
- Negotiation Skills for Project Managers

General Project Management

- A Manager's Guide to Project Management
- Achieving Project Quality and Conditions of Satisfaction
- Adaptive Project Framework: Common Sense Approach to Managing Complex Projects
- Applying Project Management Skills
- Delivering Successful Projects in High Risk and Constrained Environments
- Effective Project Management in the Corporate Environment
- Introduction to Project Management Oversight
- Managing Large and/or Complex Projects
- Optimizing PM Efficiency Through the Strategic Use of Six Sigma Principles
- Performance Based Contracting and Vendor Management
- Project Communications: Infrastructure and Protocol
- Project Management Best Practices
- Project Management Boot Camp
- Project Management Certificate Program
- Project Management Essentials
- Project Management Evening Certificate Program, 16 sessions
- Project Management Executive Overview
- Project Management Executive Overview for Capital Projects
- Project Management Executive Overview for IT Projects
- Project Management Implementation: Best Practices and Essential Human Elements Certificate Program
- Project Managements Strategic Implications
- Success Strategies for Female Project Managers
- The Business of Project and Program Management
- The Project Management Discipline: Life Cycle and Best Practice Approach

Human Resources Project Management

- Project Management for HR Professionals
- Project Management for the Training and Development Professional
- Techniques to Effectively Manage Multiple Projects in a Training and Development Environment

IT Project Management

- Advanced Technology Project Management
- Building an IT Project Management Communication Toolbox
- Effective Management for Systems Integration Projects
- Effective Software Project Management
- IT Project Management Certificate Program
- Globalization
- Integral Role of Time and Cost in an IT Environment
- Integrating RUP into the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)
- Introduction to Technology Project Management

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IT Project Management (Continued)

IT Project Management
 IT Project Procurement and Contract Management
 Joint Application Development: First and Best Practices (1 or 2 day)
 Joint Application Development: First and Best Practices (2 or 3 day)
 Managing Business Process Improvement Projects
 Managing Customer Expectations
 Multiple Team Project Management
 Project Management Approach to Software Quality
 Project Team Skills for the IT Professional
 Requirements Management: An In Depth View
 Risk Management in an IT Environment
 Software Project Planning and Management
 The Implications of Offshore Development on Projects and Project Teams
 Project Management Fundamentals: Integrating the Systems Development Life Cycle

Project Infrastructure

Building a Project Methodology: Organizational and Project Office Support Systems
 How to Establish A Project Support Office: A Practical Guide to Growth and Development
 Project Management's Strategic Role in Building the 21st Century Organization
 The Project Portfolio: A Strategic Tool for the 21st Century Executive

Project Leadership/Team

Building an Effective Project Team
 Building Effective Business Partnerships
 Coaching and Mentoring Project Managers
 Excellence in Project Management Leadership
 Human Aspects of Project Management
 Project Management Team Member Overview
 Project Team Skills for the IT Professional
 The Leader Project Manager

Project Performance Monitoring/Control

Advanced Scheduling and Project Controls
 Advanced Project Analysis and Control
 Distressed Projects: Prevention and Intervention Strategies
 Developing Practical Cost Control Systems
 Project Management Process Improvement
 Using MS Project as a Scheduling and Control Tool

Project Planning

Advanced Project Planning and Control
 Developing and Managing Estimates: From Task to Project Level
 Project Planning, Scheduling and Control
 Project Procurement and Contract Management
 Project Risk Assessment and Management
 Advanced Risk Management

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