Overview

Are you considering earning your PMP® certification or growing in your project management knowledge and skillset? The Project Management Professional (PMP)® credential has become the most recognized credential for in the rapidly evolving environment of project management. This course works to prepare students for the PMP® examination offered through the Project Management Institute (PMI).

Increasingly, the federal government and companies across a variety of industries, recognize the critical operating value that leading project management practices can provide. The specification of project management qualifications in both government and private sector organizations illustrates the growing importance of project management in the changing workforce focus. Obtaining the PMP® credential is often a requirement as well as a differentiator for career advancement and professional development in many business lines.

This course provides a deep dive into each of the PMBOK® Guide's 10 Knowledge Areas. The hands-on approach of this course includes sample tests/questions and class-working sessions led by PMI certified instructors. A practice exam similar to the PMP® Examination rounds out the last session of this course to better prepare students for the test-taking climate.

A variety of learning and test preparation tools reinforce concepts and help you prepare for the certification exam including:

- PMP® study guide— this study guide condenses the 400 page PMBOK Guide to ~80 pages of key concepts, terms, and unique PMBOK properties.
- PM Final- online-based PMP® exam simulator with over 1,000 questions. Attendees receive electronic access to the practice exam to use outside of class in preparing for the PMP exam.
- A comprehensive set of over 50 electronic tools and techniques (e.g., Project Selection, Charter, Make or Buy Analysis, etc.) are provided in electronic form to PMP Course attendees. These tools and techniques may be modified and used by the attendee's company or organization.
- 120-day access to the PM FinalTM on-line examination simulation software
  - As part of the course fee, the student will receive a 120-day license to PM Final, an online testing environment. PM Final will be used to conduct course module testing and final course testing (a four hour timed examination). Outside of class, the student may self-test by creating randomly generated Knowledge Area tests (variable number of questions) or comprehensive tests (200 questions). The instructor is able to monitor both practice and timed exams through the software. All scores are reviewed and feedback is provided to the student.
This course covers the 10 Knowledge Areas identified in the PMBOK® Guide:

- Project Integration Management
- Project Scope Management
- Project Schedule Management
- Project Cost Management
- Project Quality Management
- Project Resource Management
- Project Communications Management
- Project Risk Management
- Project Procurement Management
- Project Stakeholder Management

Features

Lectures and extensive use of case studies and in-class exercises provide for active student involvement in practical use of course content. The instructors use advanced learning methods, word-picture associations, and mind maps to strengthen learning recall.

In addition, as the course progresses through each of the PMBOK® Guide's Knowledge Areas, the student is tested using an electronic examination bank that mimics the actual PMP® examination. Using this approach, course participants get immediate feedback on knowledge retention. A one-hour, written final exam measures comprehension and preparedness for PMI's PMP® examination.

Requirements

- 100% attendance and participation is expected from participants.
  - This is not included in the course fee. Please purchase prior to the first day of class.
- In-class pre-instruction and post-instruction examinations are administered solely for the purpose of measuring the student's comprehension and identifying weaknesses that need to be corrected: no grades on these examinations are recorded.
- Students must complete the online examination, in a single four hour sitting, by midnight, the second Sunday following the last day of in-class instruction (viz., the student will have two weekends from the course completion date to study for and take the examination.
- The final examination counts as four-contact hours (4 PDUs) out of the total 35 course hours (35 PDUs), establishes a basis for extending to students a first-pass guaranty, and must be completed in order to receive a certificate. The examination will be administered via PM Final, online.
- In-class Pre-Instruction and Post-Instruction examinations are administered solely for the purpose of measuring the student's comprehension and identifying weaknesses that need to be
corrected: no grades on these examinations are recorded. The following testing will be administered:
  - Pre-Instruction Examination (25 minutes)
  - Post-Instruction Examination (1 hour)
  - Final Examination (4 hours)

PMP Pass Guarantee

Students who take this course as part of the Project Management Certificate Series are eligible for the Pass Guarantee. Students must meet the following requirements:

- Earn a 75% on the final exam in the PMP Exam Prep Course
- Successfully complete the entire Project Management Certificate Series (4 core courses and 1 elective course)
- Sit for the PMP Exam within three months of the last day of their last course
- If a student does not pass the PMP® exam, they will have the opportunity to re-take Project Management Certification: PMP® Exam Preparation course at no cost.
  - Students must notify Mason Professional Education within 90 days of not passing the PMI Exam to be eligible to re-take the course at no cost.

Designed For

Participants in this course should be managers and mid-career professionals who seek to further develop their project management skills and are eligible to sit for PMI’s PMP® examination. It is assumed that participants have a working knowledge of the PMBOK® Guide – Sixth Edition’s 10 Knowledge Areas or have completed the Essentials of Project Management course.

Accreditation and Association

PDU Credits:

Beginning July 2019, Project Management Certification PMP® Exam Preparation will be pre-approved for 35 PDUs.

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Association:
Project Management Institute (PDU) Approval Number 1970UGOB0S 14.0 PDU

Applies Towards the Following Certificates:

- Fundamentals of Project Management: Required Courses
- Project Management Certificate Series: Core Courses