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Introduction

The Program Management Professional PgMP® certification, offered by the Project Management Institute PMI, is one of the most prestigious credentials for senior program and project managers who oversee multiple interrelated projects that deliver strategic business outcomes.

This intensive one-week course is designed to fully prepare participants for the PgMP® exam. It blends theory with practical application and focuses on the five program management performance domains: Strategic Alignment, Benefits Management, Stakeholder Engagement, Program Governance, and Program Lifecycle. Participants will engage in case studies, exam simulations, and guided practice while gaining 35 Professional Development Units PDUs required for exam eligibility.

Course Objectives

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

- Understand the PgMP® exam structure, requirements, and application process.
- Differentiate between portfolios, programs, and projects.
- Apply best practices for managing program strategy, governance, benefits, and stakeholders.
- Analyze how multiple projects integrate into broader organizational strategy.
- Develop methods for program-level risk management, resource optimization, and decision-making.
- Strengthen leadership, negotiation, and stakeholder engagement capabilities.
- Prepare for the PgMP® exam with practice questions, simulations, and exam strategies.

Course Outlines

Day 1: PgMP® Foundations and Exam Essentials

- Introduction to PMI and the PgMP® credential.
- Eligibility requirements, application, and audit process.
- Exam format, structure, and preparation strategy.
- Distinguishing between program, project, and portfolio management.
- Core concepts: governance, benefits, stakeholders, and strategic alignment.



Day 2: Strategic Alignment and Governance

- Linking programs to organizational strategy.
- Developing program charters and roadmaps.
- Governance frameworks and decision-making structures.
- Defining governance boards, roles, and responsibilities.
- Case study: common governance challenges and solutions.

Day 3: Benefits and Stakeholder Management

- Identifying, planning, and realizing program benefits.
- Benefits lifecycle and performance measurement.
- Stakeholder analysis and engagement strategies.
- Communication models and influence techniques.
- Monitoring stakeholder involvement to ensure program success.

Day 4: Program Lifecycle and Risk Management

- Phases of the program lifecycle: initiation, planning, execution, control, and closure.
- Optimizing resources across multiple projects.
- Identifying and analyzing program-level risks.
- Designing risk response strategies.
- Integrating risk management into program governance.

Day 5: Procurement, Exam Simulation, and Readiness

- Procurement in programs: vendor selection and contract management.
- Procurement-related risks and opportunities.
- Full-length exam simulation and timed practice questions.
- Review of all program management performance domains.
- Final exam strategies, lessons learned, and Q&A.

Why Attend this Course: Wins & Losses!

- Master the five program management performance domains.
- Gain access to exam simulations, practice questions, and proven strategies.
- Learn from certified PgMP® instructors with real-world expertise.
- Earn 35 PDUs to meet PMI's exam eligibility requirements.
- Strengthen your professional profile with one of PMI's most advanced certifications.
- Improve your ability to manage benefits, governance, and stakeholder engagement.
- Develop stronger leadership and negotiation skills.
- Connect theory with real-world case studies and examples.



Conclusion

The PgMP® Exam Preparation Course is an advanced training program that combines strategic knowledge with practical application to prepare participants for one of PMI's most challenging certifications. It provides a comprehensive overview of strategic alignment, benefits realization, stakeholder engagement, governance, and program lifecycle, while equipping participants with tools, case studies, and exam simulations.

By completing this course, professionals not only strengthen their readiness for the PgMP® exam but also enhance their leadership and program management capabilities to deliver successful outcomes at the organizational level.

