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Introduction

Your ability as a project manager to demonstrate best practices in project management—both on the job and through professional certification—is essential to compete in today's fast-paced, highly technical, and dispersed workplace. The skills and knowledge you gain in this course will help you avoid making costly mistakes and increase your competitive edge.

In this course, you will apply the generally recognized practices of project management acknowledged by the Project Management Institute PMI® to successfully manage projects. You will also learn about the project management lifecycle and become equipped with the tools to earn your PMP certificate, a crucial asset for professionals aiming to excel in the field of project management.

Course Objectives

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

- Define the fundamentals of project management and understand its core principles.
- Understand the role of project management within the organization and its impact on business success.
- Apply the project management methodology using best practices in project planning, execution, and control.
- Initiate a project and develop a comprehensive project management plan.
- Plan project schedules, costs, quality, resources, and procurement effectively.
- Plan for risk and stakeholder engagement while ensuring smooth communication throughout the project.
- Execute the project, working closely with stakeholders and ensuring alignment with project objectives.
- Monitor project work, scope, risks, stakeholder engagement, and communications.
- Control project changes, including scope, schedule, costs, quality, resources, and procurement.
- Close the project successfully, ensuring all goals and deliverables are met.



Course Outlines

Day 1: Defining Project Management Basics

- Concepts of Project Management: An overview of the essential principles of project management.
- Relationship between Project Management and Business: Understanding the value of project management in driving organizational success.
- Project Stakeholders and Governance: Identifying stakeholders and understanding governance structures.
- Team and Interpersonal Skills: Developing key skills for managing project teams effectively.

Day 2: Project Management within the Organization

- Organizational Influences: The impact of organizational culture on project management.
- Project Team Structure: Identifying roles and responsibilities in project teams.
- Project Life Cycle: Understanding the phases of a project from initiation to closure.
- Agile Methodology: Introduction to Agile project management principles.

Day 3: PMI® Project Management Methodology

- Project Management Processes: An in-depth exploration of PMI's recognized processes.
- Knowledge Areas in Project Management: Understanding the key areas of knowledge that contribute to project success.
- Project Information Management: How to gather and manage critical project data.

Day 4: Initiating a Project

- Initiating Process Group: How to initiate a project using best practices.
- Developing a Project Charter: The foundational steps for starting a project.
- Identifying Project Stakeholders: Engaging with key stakeholders from the outset.

Day 5: Planning a Project

- Planning Process Group: Comprehensive steps for creating an effective project plan.
- Developing the Project Management Plan: Understanding how to align the project plan with organizational goals.
- Scope and Requirements Management: Techniques for collecting and defining project requirements.
- Work Breakdown Structure WBS: Breaking the project into manageable tasks.



Day 6: Project Management Overview

- Project Life Cycle and Processes: Revisiting the key stages of project management.
- Roles and Organizational Structure: Defining roles and responsibilities in project teams.
- Introduction to Risk Management: How to identify and manage project risks.

Day 7: Risk Management System

- Decision Trees: How to use decision trees for effective risk management.
- Risk Prioritization: Understanding how to prioritize risks based on their impact.
- Benefits of Risk Analysis: How proactive risk management can enhance project success.

Day 8: Value Management & Risk

- Behavioral and Cultural Factors: Understanding how team dynamics impact risk management.
- Developing the Risk Management Plan: Creating a structured plan to address potential risks.
- Quantitative Risk Assessment: Using quantitative methods to assess and mitigate risks.

Day 9: Planned Responses to Risk

- Risk Registers: Documenting and managing identified risks throughout the project.
- Risk Ownership: Assigning responsibilities for risk management.
- Quality and Quality Management: Ensuring the project meets quality standards through careful planning and execution.

Day 10: Plan and Perform Mitigation Actions

- Tracking Risks: Monitoring and adjusting strategies to manage risks effectively.
- Risk Documentation: Proper documentation to track risk mitigation.
- Client Communications: Keeping stakeholders informed and ensuring feedback is incorporated.

Why Attend This Course: Wins & Losses!

- Earn a PMP Certification, which is globally recognized and highly valued in the field of project management.
- Master the project management lifecycle, gaining a deep understanding of the various phases from initiation to closure.
- Learn to apply best practices for project management and reduce the risks of costly mistakes.
- Gain a competitive edge in the job market with project management certificates that validate your expertise.
- Enhance your project management roles, whether you are a project manager, team leader, or stakeholder.



Conclusion

Project management is an essential skill for any professional looking to succeed in today's fast-paced and complex workplace. This course offers an invaluable opportunity to develop project management principles and gain the tools to manage projects effectively, ensuring that you're well-equipped to earn your PMP certificate and advance in your career.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to enhance your project management skills and stand out in the competitive job market.

