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PgMP® Study Facilitation Program



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Introduction:

Program Management is the management of multiple projects and other work in a coordinated manner to obtain benefits and control that is not achieved by managing them as individual projects. Program management as a discipline is at a more strategic level in an organization than Project Management and skilled program managers are in great demand worldwide.

Program Management Professional [PgMP®] certification, is among the most recent certifications launched by the Project Management Institute (PMI). It has already aroused considerable interest and will soon become the *de-facto* benchmark in Program Management.

Benefits/Why PgMP®?:

There are a number of reasons why practitioners of Program management should seriously consider this certification. Some of them are as follows.

- The barriers to entry to the PgMP® will preserve the “niche” nature of this credential for a long time. As opposed to over 260,000 PMP®’s worldwide, there are only 124 PgMP®’s about a year from its launch. This gives you a clear edge over the crowd.
- You will have the “first-mover” advantage by being among the first few credential holders, which may help you prove your qualifications to take on more strategic roles within your organization. Often, the next career move for program managers is a Director or Executive position.
- Program managers have to go beyond mere Scope, Cost, Time considerations and get into the end-to-end management of strategic initiatives. This requires a balance of project management skills and general management skills. This workshop is carefully designed to equip you with the right tools and techniques that can be taken back to your work place.



Learning Objectives:

The workshop will enable participants to achieve the following.

- Understand the material from the Standard for Program Management, as well as from the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK®) and build a strong foundation of understanding of 44 project and 39 program management processes.
- Gain confidence for undertaking the certification process. Many trainings and books claim to address the PgMP® certification, but they all suffer from a fundamental flaw. **They are all based on guesswork and the material they present has no relation whatsoever with the actual exam questions! This workshop is facilitated by somebody who has gone through the certification process first-hand and passed the exam.**
- Get trained on the best practices in Program Management and in the process, several general management disciplines.
- Go through several case studies about **real** programs and think about learn how to apply the knowledge in **their** work.
- The participants of the workshop will be an elite bunch of highly talented professionals, bringing with them a wealth of vast amount of experience. This presents a great networking and knowledge sharing opportunity.

Participants' profile:

The target audience comprises of people who are interested in learning about best practices in Program Management and completing the PgMP® certification. Participants should also meet the eligibility requirements for the certification as laid out in http://www.pmi.org/PDF/pdc_pgmp handbook.pdf. In summary, this means at least 4 years experience in Program Management and 4 years in Project Management in the past 15 years.

Duration: 4 days

Expected Number of participants: 10 (not exceeding 14)

Kit for Participants:

- Bound Hard copy of all the explanation-slides used by the faculty
- Certificate of participation
- Copy of the PgMP Program Management Professional Exam Study Guide by Dr. Paul Sanghera or similar book on exam preparation



Course Outline:

Day 1:

- Introduction: Faculty, Participants, Course Material, Course flow
- Understand basic concepts Project, Project Management, Programs and Portfolios
- Themes for Program Management including Benefits Management, Stakeholder Management and Program Governance
- Program Management Life-cycle and activities during different phases
- Introduction to process groups and knowledge areas
- Role of Program Manager in different organizational forms
- Organization structures within a program
- Summary and close for Day-1

Day 2:

- Recap of Day-1
- Initiating a program: Program processes within initiation: Initiate program, Authorize projects, Initiate team
- Process Group Planning: Develop Program Management Plan, Interface Planning, Transition Planning, Resource planning, Scope definition, Create Program WBS, Schedule development, Cost estimating and budgeting
- Summary and close for Day-2

Day 3:

- Recap of Days 1 and 2
- Process Group Planning continued: Quality planning, HR planning, Communications planning, Risk Management Planning and Analysis, Plan Program Purchases and Acquisitions and Plan Program Contracting
- Process Group Execution: Direct and Manage Program Execution, Perform Quality Assurance, Acquire Program Team, Develop Program Team, Information Distribution, Request Seller Responses, Select Sellers
- Process Group Controlling: Integrated Change Control, Resource Control, Monitor and Control Program Work, Issue Management and Control
- Summary and close for Day-3



Day 4:

- Recap of Days 1, 2 and 3
- Process Group Controlling continued: Scope Control, Schedule Control, Cost Control, Perform Quality Control, Communications Control, Performance Reporting, Risk monitoring and Control, Program Contract Administration
- Process Group Closing: Close Program, Component Closure, Contract Closure
- Professional responsibility
- Tips for application process, exam and assessment
- Specific topics for repetition or clarification
- Practice questions