



## **Essentials of Project Management**

Project Management is a recognized and strategic organizational competence. The field continues to be a growing industry. According to the Project Management Institute (PMI®), between 2010 and 2020, an estimated 15.7 million new project management roles were created. The projected growth of the profession has led to expanding job markets, rising salaries, and an increased demand for project managers.

The field of project management is versatile, allowing project managers to build skills managing various types of projects that are easily transferable to other types of projects or even other industries. Effective project management is integral for improvement of organizational performance. The focused development of hard and soft skills pertaining to project management is fundamental for those seeking to work in project management.

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The University of Miami offers its highly regarded Project Management Certificate Program at least three times a year and online every month. The Project Management Certificate Program is a comprehensive introduction to the fundamentals of project management over five months, including 48 PDUs/contact hours class time. Students in the program say that it has not only taught them to be effective project managers but also satisfied the education requirement to qualify to take the PMP® or CAPM® exam (see [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) for additional information about the PMP® or CAPM® eligibility requirements).

While not nearly as intensive, this shorter introduction to the Project Management Professional (PMP®) Certificate Program will teach you the core knowledge areas of project management, the key process groups, and provide an insight into leading project teams and decision making. The 4.5-hour virtual course consists of four self-study sessions and will introduce you to three key project management skills: leading groups and teams, group decision making, and practicing ethically. You will explore critical focal points in project management. You will also find resources that you can access on your own after the course is complete.

## **Learning Outcomes & Objectives**

You may be formally learning these skills for the first time or you may use the course to refresh or sharpen skills you already have. In either case, if you apply the knowledge from the sessions, you will:

- Understanding the fundamental knowledge areas of project management
- Building group leadership skills
- Understanding ethics in a project management organization

- Developing essential critical thinking and decision-making skills a more engaging space that draws wisdom from those around you

### **Benefits**

Through the skills learned in this course, you will gain a deeper understanding of the Project Management Institute's (PMI®) five knowledge areas and how project management is used by organizations. You will have a greater sense of your ability to lead groups and project teams. Finally, you will begin developing essential critical thinking and decision-making skills you can continue to build in a variety of industries beyond the course. As a result, you will improve your personal and professional relationships, and become a better project manager.