



excellence in project
management learning

PROJECT MANAGEMENT 201

A THREE-DAY WORKSHOP (21 PDUS)



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you've learned the basic theory...
you know the process...
what you need, is more...

More techniques and tools, more processes and more ideas to deal with the very real situations that you face every day as a project manager.

Some of the most significant challenges a project manager faces can only be resolved by moving beyond the fundamentals. With new and more advanced skills, you will be able to successfully deal with challenges of your role:

- Your project is confronted with changes in corporate strategy, with shifting priorities suggesting that another project is now perceived to be of higher priority.
- Your expected project costs have increased as a result of more in-depth reviews of the required work activities and work effort.
- Your best efforts to accurately estimate project costs and schedules often still result in project cost overruns and delayed project delivery.
- You are looking for more effective strategies to monitor and predict the final cost and completion date of your project.
- Project risk is undermining your projects and you want to better ensure that you anticipate risks and have the strategies in place to respond to them.

These are the real world challenges that we face daily. As project managers, we require the tools to address them with confidence. Project Management 201 has been designed to provide you with practical approaches for dealing with these and other project realities.

This workshop will take you beyond the basics... into the realm of 'what do I do now?' for 10 very common project management situations.

our blueprint

We have assembled a series of 10 specific project scenarios that project managers deal with on a daily basis.

This workshop will introduce you to the practical solutions to handle your real-world project situations. We will:

PROVIDE SPECIFIC APPROACHES TO REAL AND CURRENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT ISSUES.

Using a series of scenarios, we will review principles and problems that underlie many project management challenges and explore in detail the specific behaviours and approaches that are most effective in successfully resolving them.

WORK THROUGH CASE STUDIES THAT WILL TEST THE PRINCIPLES AND ALLOW FOR DISCUSSION.

We will work through specific case studies that will provide practical insights into the approaches we discuss. Equally importantly, we will explore what factors can influence these scenarios and identify appropriate responses to different situations.

DISCUSS THE REAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES THAT YOU ARE HAVING 'BACK ON THE JOB'.

As part of the discussion and collaboration within the workshop, we will 'explore case studies of what really happens'- in your organization relative to the specific scenarios discussed. As a senior project manager, you have lived through the problems and found solutions that worked; this is an ideal opportunity to share your expertise and learn from the experience of other senior project leaders.

The workshop is built on adult learning principles and makes extensive use of classroom instruction, discussion and case studies in order to be relevant to as many different learning styles as possible.

OUR PARTICIPANTS

This workshop is designed for the senior project management professional who is tasked with increasingly difficult projects and programs. If you lead complex initiatives and are looking for strategies to address many of the challenges discussed above, this is the workshop for you.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

The workshop is a combination of theory, case study exercises and discussion that will complement the learning presented.

As this course is very discussion and teamwork centric, course size is limited to a maximum of 20 participants.

Each participant will be provided with a complete Participant's Workbook as well as templates to assist him or her back on the job.

PRE-READING

There are no pre-reading assignments for this workshop.

BENEFITS

Unique benefits of the Interthink curriculum include:

- Smaller class sizes; most of our classes are limited to 20 participants, and often less.
- Public courses are fully catered, including a quality breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the day.
- Detailed workshop manuals that provide on-going reference after the learning experience.
- Professional Development Units (PDUs) towards certification and re-certification as a PMP or CAPM.

our commitment

Project Management 201 will take you 'beyond the theory' and into the real world issues that we face as project managers.

Participating in the program will enhance your understanding of the advanced tools and techniques of project management, including:

- Developing improved strategies for the on-going tracking of project performance
- Ensuring that your projects align to the strategy and priorities of your organization
- Gaining an appreciation for the different breakdowns structures and their use in detailed definition of the project
- Developing advanced techniques in estimation based upon empirical data and Monte Carlo simulations
- Expanding strategies for analyzing risk to include both qualitative and quantitative techniques
- Controlling project progress using earned value analysis
- Establishing strategies for advanced tracking and performance measurement
- Managing scope and strategies for the avoidance of scope creep
- Exploring effective project communications strategies
- Ensuring the close-out of difficult projects
- Application of the learning principles through hands-on, real-world scenarios

our program

DAY 1 (8:30 – 4:30)

- Scenario #1:
The continuous tracking of project performance
- Scenario #2:
Aligning projects to corporate strategy
- Scenario #3:
Advanced breakdown structures

DAY 2 (8:30 – 4:30)

- Scenario #4:
Advanced estimation using empirical data and Monte Carlo simulations
- Scenario #5:
The identification and quantification of project risk
- Scenario #6:
Using earned value analysis effectively

DAY 3 (8:30 – 4:30)

- Scenario #7:
Controlling projects using time and deliverable reporting
- Scenario #8:
Managing scope creep
- Scenario #9:
Effective project communications
- Scenario #10:
Closing the difficult project
- Course wrap-up and evaluation

our courses

Our courses have been designed so that their outcomes are relevant and employable on projects of any size and for any industry. Participants are able to immediately incorporate the tools and techniques they learn into the projects they are currently working on.

Interthink Consulting partners with educational institutions across western Canada in the delivery of advanced project management skills courses. Interthink's training and certificate programs are fully compliant with the PMI Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) and are ideal preparation for the PMP and CAPM certification examinations.

We want to talk with you about how we can support your project learning needs. Please contact us at our Edmonton, Alberta offices at 780/414.6391, or visit our website at www.interthink.ca.

Join others who have experienced excellence in project management training, and who have realized the value of this newfound knowledge in delivering successful projects.



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