



excellence in project
management learning

PMP EXAMINATION PREPARATION WORKSHOP

A SIX-DAY WORKSHOP (42 PDUS)



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You have heard that the examination for the Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification is tough and you want to be prepared... smart move.

You have also heard about the 'boot camp' approach... and you are looking for a training experience with a more lasting impact. If this sounds like you, our PMP Exam Preparation Workshop is the training course you need.

The PMP Certification is one of the most recognized project management certifications in North America. A recent study found that PMPs earn between 8% and 15% more than project managers without their designation. For many industries and organizations, certification is becoming a requirement.

Those with the PMP certification are recognized experts within their organization. Achieving the PMP designation requires both experience and knowledge of the project management standard defined by PMI: the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBoK).

The Interthink PMP Examination Preparation Workshop provides you with the tools, tips and tricks to enhance your chances of success in challenging this examination. The workshop is also suitable for preparation for the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM), a certification that has been more recently launched by PMI.

This workshop will introduce you to the foundations of the PMBoK necessary for you to successfully challenge the PMP exam... while also helping you to better understand the PMBoK in a context of how you really manage projects.

our blueprint

PROVIDE AN INITIAL OUTLINE OF THE PROCESS OF MANAGING A PROJECT

Understanding project management requires a common language to describe how projects 'really' get done. This base allows us to have a framework by which we can then compare and discuss how the PMBoK describes the processes and knowledge areas of project management.

REVIEW THE BASIC PMBOK CONCEPTS

Based on the PMBoK, we will review the basic definitions of a project, project management, product definition and progressive elaboration. We will also review 'where projects come from' and ensure the connectivity to our own understanding of how to start a project.

REVIEW THE 5 PMBOK PROCESS GROUPS

We will review the five project process groups that are core to the PMBoK. This review will be a 'high level' examination of each of the process groups as well as a review of the significant sub-processes that are included in each.

TRANSLATE THE PMBOK KNOWLEDGE AREAS INTO THE PROCESS OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT

In this exercise, we will take the PMBoK model of the process groups and knowledge areas and relate these to the framework that we initially defined to reflect how we 'really' manage projects.

THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF EACH OF THE 9 KNOWLEDGE AREAS

The heart of the PMBoK is centered upon the knowledge areas. We will examine each of the nine knowledge areas in detail and map the inputs and outputs from each knowledge area into our project management process understanding.

EXAMINATION OF OTHER KNOWLEDGE AREAS

The PMP Certification Examination also demands that the incumbent have knowledge in other areas, many relating to Human Resources practices and theory.

PROVIDE PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS TO "TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE"

Based on sample examinations from PMI and those that have been developed by Interthink Consulting Incorporated directly, each section of the course will be thoroughly tested in practice examinations.

PROVIDE OTHER HANDS-ON LEARNING TOOLS

As well as providing sample examinations, we provide a number of other tools and exercises designed to help you prepare for the exam, including more than 16 exercises to assist in preparation during the workshop or at home.

PROVIDE HINTS AND TIPS FOR WRITING THE EXAM

These hints and tips are based on both the experience of individuals who have successfully completed the examination as well as some practical guides that each participant should follow in writing this four-hour, multiple choice examination.

The knowledge you will gain on this course will allow you to enhance your probability of successfully challenging the PMP Certification Examination and attaining your PMP certification.

The workshop is built on adult learning principles and makes extensive use of interaction, dialogue, exercises and "check your knowledge" examinations, as well as in-class instruction in order to be relevant to as many different learning styles as possible.

BENEFITS

Key benefits of the Interthink PMP Examination Preparation Workshop include:

- A high success rate; over 95% of participants pass on the first try.
- Small class sizes, limited to less than 15 people.
- Public courses are fully catered, including quality breakfast and lunch.
- Individual assistance in preparing your exam application.
- Exposure to recent PMPs who share their tips and in exam preparation.
- Follow-up assistance and coaching to ensure you are ready to pass the exam.

our commitment

At the end of the PMP Exam Preparation Workshop you will:

- Fully understand the definitions of projects and project management as defined by the PMBoK.
- Understand the five process groups as defined by the PMBoK and the major sub-processes within each of these five groups.
- Understand how the 9 knowledge areas of the PMBoK integrate with the 5 project management process groups.
- Understand the input-tools and techniques-output model of the 9 PMBoK knowledge areas.
- Understand, in detail, the sub-processes of the PMBoK and the nuances and meanings of each of the definitions within each sub-process.
- Be able to practically align the framework of the PMBoK with a concrete understanding of how the project management process works within your organization.
- Be able to rapidly construct a success sheet of process and knowledge areas to be used as a supporting tool in studying for the PMP examination.
- Know how to more effectively write the examination, including tools and tips for optimizing your time in the examination room.
- Have a practical framework to manage your last few days or weeks prior to writing the PMP examination.

our program

DAY 1 (8:30 - 4:30)

- Pre-course examination
- Course objectives
- Introductions
- The PMBoK – an introduction
- Introduction to the exam
- Establishing a common process for project management

DAY 2 (8:30 - 4:30)

- The basic concepts as presented by the PMBoK
- The process view as presented by the PMBoK
- Project initiation
- Understanding earned value
- Test your knowledge quiz

DAY 3 (8:30 - 4:30)

- Translation – establishing the link from our common process to the PMBoK
- Project planning
- Defining the critical path
- Test your knowledge quiz

DAY 4 (8:30 - 4:30)

- Project planning
- Project execution
- Preparing to write
- Test your knowledge quiz
- Study assignment in study teams

DAY 5 (8:30 - 4:30)

- Project management ethics
- Project execution
- Project monitoring & control
- Test your knowledge quiz

DAY 6 (8:30 - 4:30)

- Project monitoring & control
- Project closing
- Review
- Final examination
- Additional information for the examination
- Course wrap-up
- Post course review assignment

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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