Project Management
Professional Development Program

This real world knowledge series of proven strategic project management techniques has been developed by Alan L. Plastow, MAT, PMP. As of Summer 2007, the program is being delivered at The University of Akron, in Akron, Ohio. It can also be scheduled at your site.

For scheduling, follow this link: http://www.uakron.edu/ce/schedules/MgmtProjMgmt2.php

How is this program unique?

In 2000, we began designing front line, no-nonsense programs based primarily on the Project Management Institute (PMI.org) Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge. We use current regional, national, and international project management standards and statistics to identify and focus upon optimizing a proven range of processes and procedures that lead to project success while minimizing those factors that have been proven to contribute to project failure. This program uses distinct knowledge identified by working project managers, coupled with industry best practices, to dramatically increase your potential for delivering projects on time, on budget, and within quality requirements.

Who should attend?

Individuals from small- to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): This is your chance to learn how to successfully manage even the most basic project. Our core focus is on the everyday normal projects that represent the majority of our professional focus. If you just want to get your projects completed without wasted time or money, this is your program.

If, on the other hand, your project involves putting someone into low lunar orbit *(someone other than your spouse)*, we can still help. The project management knowledge and structure we deliver are applicable to projects of virtually any relative size and complexity.

Individual Course Sessions Include

Core Project Management Methods

Discover the core knowledge, processes, procedures, tools and techniques that come together to help you become a more successful project manager. This six hour formal classroom session introduces you to the formal project management infrastructure defined by the Project Management Institute PMBOK.

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PMI Knowledge Areas addressed include, but are not limited to:

Project Integration Management
Project Scope Management
Project Time Management
Project Cost Management
Project Quality Management
Project Human Resource Management
Project Communications Management
Project Risk Management
Project Procurement Management

Enhancing Project Success

Why do projects fail? What factors contribute to project success? In this six hour formal classroom session, Alan Plastow, MAT, PMP, introduces current trends in project success criteria and translates those same success factors into strategies you can use to directly—and positively—impact your project life cycle.

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Project Management for Team Members

When project teams come together, one of the key factors determining success, or failure, is the collective knowledge and operational coordination of the team members. Discover the solid foundation of success factors that any project group can use to enhance team productivity through more clearly defined mutual focus.

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Project Work Breakdown Structure

The work breakdown structure is arguably the framework on which effective project managers build, control, and guide the project to successful completion. In this six hour session we focus on matching project goals and objectives with the genuine work and activity relationships of the project. We build a WBS and consider related strategies such as the network diagram (PERT) and the critical path method (CPM).

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The University of Akron Certificate in Project Management

This five day (35 hour) university-based or onsite intense workshop steps you through the entire Project Management Institute PMBOK infrastructure for project management. The certificate program combines our entire range of project management content into a working strategic plan on which to build your project management career. You will develop your own unique project operations notebook of knowledge, processes, procedures, and templates that you can put to direct use even before returning to the workplace.

Upon successful completion of the program and course workbook, The University of Akron will provide you with its own Certificate in Project Management Excellence. Those who wish to continue on to the PMI (or other) national / global certifications will have received over 35 hours of formal project management classroom knowledge—frequently a formal requirement for certification.

Additional Courses

At The Business Technology Consumer Network, we have developed a unique series of success oriented professional development programs that allow you to convert industry best practices directly into bottom line results. Break the mold of spending more to accomplish less and discover how you can invest less in accomplishing more.

Other courses of study include:

Basic Project Success Criteria,
Project Initiation & Planning,
Human & Organizational Change Management
Project Execution, Control & Closure

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