

PMI-ACP® Exam Prep

Course Description

This accelerated learning course is designed to help you prepare for the new PMI-ACP® Agile Certified Practitioner exam—and gain the most understanding with the least amount of study. Developed by a five-person team including four members of the PMI-ACP® Steering Committee, this course is designed to decrease your after-class study time from hundreds of hours to less than 40.

Unique features of this course include games, exercises, case studies and other tools to help you understand the concepts necessary to pass the PMI-ACP® exam. This course includes the complete PMI-ACP® Exam Prep System as part of course materials. This Exam Prep System contains one of each of three products—a PMI-ACP® Exam Prep textbook, a copy of PM FASTrack® Exam Simulation Software and one copy of Hot Topics Flashcards.

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the knowledge and experience requirements for passing the PMI-ACP® certification exam
- Identify where they have the most difficulty passing the exam
- Fill their own personal gaps in project management knowledge and experience
- Develop and execute a Personalized Study Plan for preparing for the PMI-ACP® certification exam
- Reduce their study time in preparing for the exam to less than 40 hours

Course Outline

Welcome and Introduction

- What You Need to Understand to Pass the Exam
- Building Your Study Plan
- Learning Progression: 3 Steps

The Agile Value Proposition

- Project Myths
- Traditional Project Management
- The Gulf of Evaluation and IKIWISI
- Defined vs. Empirical Processes
- The Agile Value Proposition
- Agile Values and Principles
- Agile as a Mindset

Agile Methodologies

- Summary of Agile Methodologies
- Scrum Core Concepts
- XP Core Concepts
- Kanban Core Principles
- Lean Core Concepts
- Other Methodology Overviews: Crystal, DFF, DSDM
- Unifying Themes of Agile Methods

Agile Delivery Teams

- Agile Team Participants
- Development Team
- Generalizing Specialists
- Self-Organizing Principle
- ScrumMaster/Team Facilitator
- Product Owner/Customer
- Sponsor
- Servant Leadership

Duration & Units: 3 Days, 21 Contact Hours

Audience:

Experienced Project Manager and interested in PMI-ACP® Certification

Course Benefits:

- Receive complete PMI-ACP® Exam Prep System
 - PMI-ACP® Exam Prep Book
 - Hot Topics Flashcards
 - FASTrack® Exam Simulation
- In class guided study
- Dramatically reduce after class study time



Course at-a-Glance:

- 3 Days, 21 Contact Hours
- 8 am to 4 pm daily
- Focused study plan

Next Steps After Class:

- Schedule the PMI-ACP® Exam
- Pass Exam
- Maintain PDUs
- Consider earning another certification

Education & Experience Requirements for PMI-ACP® Exam According to PMI.org

1. General Project Experience

- 2000 hours working on project teams
- These hours must be earned within the last 5 years
- Active PMP® or PgMP® will satisfy this requirement
- 21 contact hours

2. Agile Project Experience

- 1500 hours working on agile project teams or agile methodologies
- These hours are in addition to the 2000 hours required in "general project experience"
- These hours must be earned within the last 3 years
- 21 contact hours

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Course Outline (continued)

Project Initiation

- Project Charter and Vision
- The Product Backlog
- User Stories
- High Level Estimation and the Product Roadmap
- Building a High Performance Team

Release Planning

- Mapping and Decomposing Stories
- Story Level Estimation
- Prioritization
- Creating a Release Plan
- Preparing for the Upcoming Iteration

Inside the Iteration

- Tasks and Roles Within an Iteration
- Iteration Planning
- Using Storyboards/Task Boards
- Communication and Team Space
- How Teams Share Information
- Agile Engineering Practices
- Project Reporting
- Inspect and Adapt
- Coaching and Mentoring the Team

Special Topics

- Earned Value Management
- Value Stream Mapping
- Agile Contracts and Contracting Models
- Contracts and Vendor Management

Test Strategy

- Types of Questions
- PMI®-isms
- How to Take the Exam
- Overcoming Exam Pressure
- Common Fears That Are Not Realistic
- Confusing, Convolved Wording

Creating Your Personalized Study Plan

Course Materials

Students will receive the following material with the course attendance:

- PMI-ACP® Exam Prep Book
- PM FASTrack®
- Hot Topics Flashcards
- PMI-ACP® Exam Prep Workbook
- Plus additional materials not available to the public

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