

Building project management competencies today; Creating leaders for the future

State of Georgia Project Manager Certification Program

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Project Management Foundations

You will learn the concepts and best practices of project management; the fundamentals, techniques and tools to manage a project to success.

Planning, Scheduling and Control

You will get hands-on experience practicing skills in requirements gathering, work breakdown structure, scheduling and budgeting.

Identifying and Managing Risk

You will learn the concepts and techniques to successful risk management: identify, analyze, respond and monitor.

Recovering Failing Projects

You will learn to see the early signs that your project is in danger, using techniques to identify the root cause of your problems, analyze the potential solutions and select the solution that will rescue your project.

Managing Project Requirements

You will learn to apply the concepts for effective requirements management, what makes up a good requirement, the difference between functional and non-functional requirements, and best practices for eliciting, validating and verifying requirements.

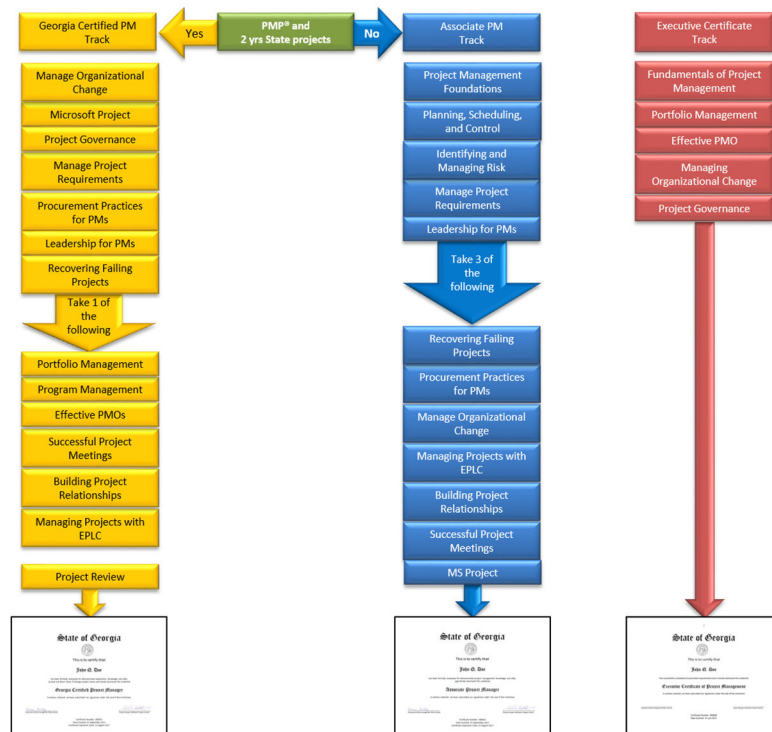
Building Project Relationships

You will learn to apply principles and techniques for building strong relationships among project stakeholders, negotiating to win-win conclusions, using analytical problem-solving techniques, managing resistance to change and applying the appropriate communication style to achieve results.

The project environment has changed and evolved over the past number of years within state government, requiring the need for an expansion of a project manager's competency base. As agency budgets tighten and our constituents demand more accountability, the need for more business-focused project management practices that align to state government becomes imperative. This requires project managers to have a broader skill set than those represented by holding the PMP® credential. Those traditional project management skills are still needed. However, the State of Georgia Project Manager Certification Program broadens those skills beyond the Project Management Professional (PMP)® credential to encompass a business-focused project management competency with a state government focus. The curriculum, assessments, reviews and coaching have been designed to ensure a project delivers a valuable business solution that aligns to the agency's mission. If you want to broaden your competencies today to become one of the state's leaders for the future, this certification is for you. Keep reading and discover how to get involved.

PMP is a registered mark of the Project Management Institute, Inc.

Participants in the program take one of three tracks depending on whether they hold the PMP® credential.



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Leadership for Project Managers

You will learn effective techniques to develop your own leadership skills, to understand the importance of influence to lead others and to “lead from the middle”.

Managing Organizational Change

You will understand how changes in organizations are achieved one individual at a time and how to develop plans to assist people in making the transition from the current state to a future state.

Successful Project Meetings

You will learn concepts and techniques to effectively manage all of your project meetings. You will also practice these techniques through role play exercises and use best practice processes to plan, facilitate and get results from meetings.

Procurement Practices for PMs

You will learn the 7-stage process for procurement used by the state of Georgia, along with industry best practices in contract administration and management. You will also learn Request for Proposal review techniques for your project.

Managing Projects with EPLC

You will learn the state standard project management lifecycle and how to use this framework to manage your project and develop major deliverables for each phase of the lifecycle. You will also learn how a stage gate review is conducted.

Scheduling with MS Project

You will learn basic concepts and techniques for developing and managing your project schedule using MS Project. You will also learn how to use your project schedule as a forecasting tool to predict project outcomes.

Project Governance

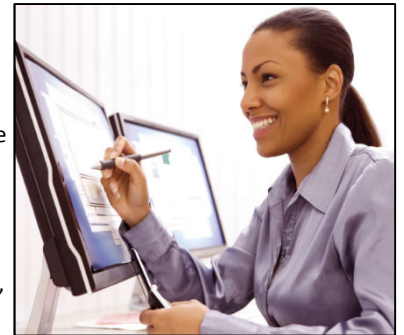
You will learn what Project Governance is and why it is necessary for successful project implementations. You will also learn how to construct a governance model.

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How the Program Works

The Enterprise Portfolio Management Office at the Georgia Technology Authority has created a Project Manager Certification Program to advance project management competencies in state government.

Participants applying to the program may enter through one of three tracks. The first track is determined by whether the applicant holds the PMP® credential. The second track is for those not holding the credential. The third track is designed for management personnel who either manage project managers or oversee projects, programs, or portfolios at a senior level in the organization. All applicants will submit a PM Competency Assessment that will be used to establish a competency baseline and assist in creating a development plan.



The applicant will then complete the required curriculum. In order to receive the Georgia Certified Project Manager designation, applicants must have managed projects for a period of at least two years within the State of Georgia, the most recent being no less than one year before applying to the program. For those applicants who are not managing projects, an Associate of Project Management certification or Executive Certificate in Project Management can be attained.

Next Steps

- Send an e-mail to epmo@gta.ga.gov requesting to apply to the Georgia Certified Project Manager Program.
- Complete the application and Project Manager Competency Self-Assessment and send them back to the program director.
- The program director will review your assessment and inform you of the program you qualify for.
- Register for the appropriate courses in your track, and you are on your way to achieving your certification.

